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Svensk Filatelistisk Tidskrift, from which these notes are culled, has come to hand with its last number of the year. On the front page, preceding the index to Vol. XII we find that the editorial staff consisted of Mr. Ernst Wilms, Editor-in-chief, and Messrs. L. H. Kjellstedt, O. Kraepelien and H. Wennberg, Associate editors. The volume consists of 238 pages and the finances of the journal are so satisfactory that a substantial surplus will be turned over to the treasury of the publishers, the Philatelic Society of Sweden. As during former years the *S. F. T.* has donated considerable space to American philately.

The Estate of a Philatelic Magnate.—The so called "Lindström Collections", which were accumulated by Sweden's foremost collector, the late Professor Alb. Lindström, have now come on the market. His entire holdings have been purchased by the firm H. Lichtenstein in Stockholm for 227,500 kronor. The total catalogue value is about one million kronor. As Professor Lindström never employed a philatelic assistant, and was a very busy man, the arrangement and mounting of his treasures were not given sufficient attention but the quality of the stamps is generally very good. The most prominent of the collections is that of Sweden. The specialised division comprising the issues of 1855-58 is alone valued at 57,000 kronor and was undoubtedly the finest in existence. Of the 4 sk. bco. we find a mint corner block of 25 stamps. The official reprints of the sk. bco. stamps are found in *imperforate* blocks of 4. Prof. L.'s collection also contains one of the two known copies of the error 5 öre 1891 brown instead of green. A number of copies of the 20sh 30d error, used and unused, are also found as well as half a sheet of the dark green 5 öre of 1891-92 imperforate. In the Postage Due stamps a block of 16 of the 6 öre yellow printed on both sides. Of the 17 öre grey of 1865-66 the collection contains a mint block of 8. Of the official stamps perf. 14 occur in entire sheets, blocks and singles. Of the great rarity, 10 surcharged on 12 *perf. 14,* two used copies are found, also 10 on 12 and 10 on 24, used and unused, with inverted surcharge.

Another fine collection is that of Denmark. Here we find two entire, mint sheets of the 4sk of 1864-65, as well as blocks and strips. Of the 48sk of 1870 the collection contains a mint block of 24 stamps.

The collections of Denmark and Scotland together represent a catalogue value of 170,000 mark, according to Senf. The three cornered Capes are well represented with about 30 copies of the 1 shilling green. The German states, Spain, Portugal and England are very fine. The English 1 shilling green of 1847 is found in a used block of 20 stamps. The 5 pounds orange of 1882 occurs in pairs.

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A Favored Stamp Dealer.—About a year ago the Swedish post department farmed out to the well known Stockholm dealer, Consul Harry Wennberg, the retailing of Swedish postage stamps at the general post office at Stockholm. This arrangement seems to have given mutual satisfaction because it is now announced that Consul Wennberg has been given the same contract at the post office of Malmö, the third Swedish city in size. Nor is this all because Mr. W. has also been granted the right to carry a stock at these postoffices of philatelic supplies of foreign stamps, albums, etc. I suppose that the retailing of the regular postage stamps is carried out by Mr. W. at a greatly reduced cost as far as the post department is concerned.

The New Swedish Stamps.—Consul Wennberg points out that the 5 öre, Gustaf V, watermarked crown, is the stamp of the day in Sweden with prices varying from 8c to 35c per copy. He cautions collectors not to buy too many copies at the higher prices, considering 13c for unused and 3c for used copies a fair average at the present time. He advises special attention to the new values 15, 20, 25, 30 and 35 öre and those coming so as to procure them as early as possible because distinct changes in shades of the 20, 25 and 30 öre have already been observed, and the first shades will always become the scarcest. In connection with this subject, the *S. F. T.* furnishes an interesting table of what has been issued so far. All issues are perf. 13x13½.

Coat of Arms. Watermark Crown.	Stamps
1ö black, issued Sept. 16, 1911,	1,441,200
2ö yellow, issued Dec. 10, 1910,	8,550,500
4ö lilac, issued Apr. 5, 1910,	18,167,600
Picture of King Gustaf. Watermark Crown.	
5ö green, issued May 8, 1911,	1,303,400
10ö rose, issued Nov. 19, 1910,	23,857,500
1kr black on yellow, issued Sept. 1, 1911,	827,700
King Oscar. No Watermark.	
20ö blue, issued Aug. 22, 1911,	1,725,100
25ö red orange, issued May 3, 1911,	1,316,900
King Gustaf. No Watermark.	
5ö green, issued June 1, 1911.	
10ö carmine rose, issued August 1, 1911.	
15ö red brown, issued August 8, 1911.	
20ö blue, issued October 11, 1911.	
25ö orange, issued September 6, 1911.	
30ö brown, issued October 11, 1911.	
35ö dark violet, issued Sept. 6, 1911.	
Coat of Arms. Watermarked Wavy Lines.	
2ö yellow, issued Nov. 6, 1911.	
4ö lilac, issued June 1, 1911.	
Official Stamps. Watermark Crown.	
1ö black, issued Nov. 23, 1910,	2,807,900
4ö light lilac, issued June 20, 1911,	1,423,900
5ö green, issued Sept. 1, 1911,	2,716,000
8ö red violet, issued Sept. 1, '11,	2,833,100
10ö carmne rose, issued Oct. 2, 1910,	2,827,000
15ö red brown, issued Nov. 23, 1910,	2,680,400
20ö blue, issued Sept. 1, 1911,	1,450,200
25ö orange, issued May 6, 1911,	1,418,700
30ö brown, issued Oct. 2, 1911,	1,307,200
5kr brown on yellow, issued Aug. 12, 1911,	958,000
Official Stamps. Wmk. Wavy Lines.	
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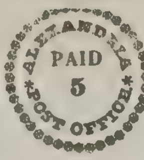

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OUR REVIEW.

Stamps of U. S. and Colonies.—Wendover Neefus, the Hudson, N. Y., dealer, has issued his 1912 list, comprising offerings in U. S. and colonies. Special attention is called to the double pricing on condition, the terms "good" and "fine" being employed. The book consists of 28 pages, is well printed and neatly arranged.

Stamp Collectors' Annual.—Published at 44 Fleet St., London, England. Edited by D. B. Armstrong. Price 30c post paid. This is the 9th edition of this most valuable Annual and Mr. Armstrong has acquitted himself most creditably in the new work that he has taken over. Mr. Armstrong is easily one of the leading figures in British philately and is out-ranked only by Mr. Melville in his splendid activities in connection with our hobby.

The contents of the volume are indeed varied. For a frontispiece we have a picture of the Prince of Wales and the leading article deals with the young royal stamp collector, who is styled "a worthy son of a philatelic father". The "Story of the Year" is an interesting resume of what has taken place upon both sides of the water, while such chapters as "Foreign Postal Agencies of the Powers", "The Year's Best Books", "The Universal Postal Union", "Celebreties of the Stamp World", etc. indicate the scope of the work. It is a marvelous compendium of information and should be in the hands of every collector.

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STAMPS OF CHILE USED IN PERU.

These stamps may best be divided into three grades of importance:—First and most important of all, those used in Lima and other towns which remained Peruvian after the war. Secondly, those used in the Provinces of Arica and Tacna, the nationality of which, even now, is not definitely fixed; and thirdly, those used in the Province of Tarapaca, a territory ceded to Chili under the peace treaty. The towns under the first heading are Lima, Callao, Mollendo, Yca (or Ica), Paita, Pisco, Eten, Salaverry, and Trujillo (or Truxillo). Under the second, Arica and Tacna; while the third boasts of Iquique and Pisagua.

It is clear that, for the towns in the first class, the date of the postmark is practically immaterial; any Chilian stamps used in these towns are equally of interest, since the towns were, and are still, Peruvian. On those used in the places mentioned in the second division the date is important, and should be before 1884, though stamps used in these towns after this date are sometimes not altogether without interest. Those used in the towns given in the third list must bear postmarks dated prior to October 23rd, 1883, the date of the Treaty of Ancon, though perhaps one might claim that the period should be extended to the date of the Congress which ratified this treaty, April, 1884. Legally I suppose the latter date is correct, but it is better to adopt the earlier one, to avoid all question.—*Gibbons Monthly Journal.*

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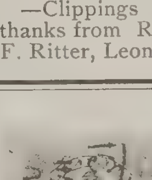

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EDITORIAL.

Big Number—The convention number of the *American Philatelist* has been distributed and Mr. Howes, as editor, has handled the contents in a way to make an admirable number. While necessarily the transactions of the convention at Chicago require the greatest share of the space for their accomodation, yet there is much outside of these pages as well as some matter in the convention records that has a wide general interest. The American Philatelic Society Philatelic Index is an invaluable document and will be a monument when completed to the research and perseverance of the patient compilers. In the convention account the differences that devoloped between the WEEKLY and the officers of the society last year are reviewed at some length in certain of the reports. The whole case centered about the act of the convention at Detroit in so altering the contract after the WEEKLY had been accepted as the official journal as to void it; and leave the empty shell after the meat had been taken. The number has one hundred and forty pages and is impressive evidence of the fact that America's foremost philatelic body stands for work as well as words.

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Masterly—The publication of another society presents itself for notice. A Check List of the Philatelic Publications in the English Language for the Year 1909 has been issued by the American Philatelic Literature Society, in beautiful typographical dress. The work has been compiled by W. R. Ricketts, Historian for the American Philatelic Literature Society and the book of nearly one hundred pages was printed by George Ward Linn, the secretary. While it is not to be expected that a review can dwell explicitly upon the contents of a reference book of this kind, still one may marvel at the able manner in which the compiler achieved his end. Mr. Ricketts possesses in heaping measure those rare attributes without which it is impossible to successfully undertake this painstaking task. The publications of the United States, Great Britain and the British Colonies, respectively, for the year 1909, are classified under the heads of Auction Catalogues; Catalogues; Handbooks and Pamphlets; Periodicals and Price Lists of Some Worth. The regular edition of the book, which is free to members is sold to others at one dollar.

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Confederate Paper—From H. Wesley Legg, we have received for inspection "a U. S. A. envelope essay on this same C. S. A. paper" as described in the WEEKLY of December 23rd. In the upper right hand corner of the envelope is the three-cent blank impression, brought out by pencil rubbing, of profile of Lincoln, enclosed in frame similar to that of the three-cent, 1864, U. S. envelope. Mr. Legg says that the "essay is of considerable rarity" and that he knows of only one other. There were captures at different times of blockade-runners with supplies of banknote paper for the south and evidently, the confiscated paper was carefully preserved and in some instances put to use by the federal authorities. As has been said before, there are eight varieties of Confederate watermarked paper, but some of them are variations of one of the main types. In this connection, the following item has been found: "On the 15th of April, 1863, Mr. Joseph Walker of Charleston, S. C., was appointed an agent of the Confederate Treasury Department to proceed to England for the purpose of purchasing paper, inks and other material for treasury notes." Upon his representations, Straker and Sons of London produced "a large number of chemicographed plates" for the treasury department, and in the autumn of 1863, the plates and supplies were consigned to Nassau for trans-shipment on the fleet blockade-runners. The cargo never reached a southern port as all the blockade-runners were intercepted by the northern patrols; the confiscated plates were sold at auction subsequently. These plates were printed from after they came into private hands but not upon confederate watermarked paper.

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Russian Locals—It is supposed that the interest in Russian rural or Zemstvo stamps is not an increasing one; on the contrary, they seem to be sinking slowly beneath the philatelic surface. In the philatelic press of this country, references to the stamps are very infrequent in late years. However, in Europe and particularly in Germany, where the collecting taste is catholic and independent, the Russian local or district stamps have their following and in a recent advertisement some of the rarities are priced as follows: Alatyr, 1867, 2k, black, $50; Borowitschi, 1876, 3k, bronze, $75 and Oust Syssolsk, 1872, 3k, black on yellow, $50. While the creation of the rural stamps was made officially in 1870, yet for some years previously, they had been used without prohibition. The vast wastes or sparse population of many of the districts made the government reluctant to extend its mail service into them; and to relieve this condition, the rural post-offices were established. These offices carried local letters within the district and also conveyed letters to and from the nearest governmental office. Their standing as locals is not to be questioned and they provide a field that a few collectors cultivate with much satisfaction, albeit that scant, if any, general philatelic attention is given to it. An American, William Herrick, compiled an authoritative catalogue of these Russian locals about eighteen years ago.

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Theories—A reader wishes to know how a strip of three of the Baltimore carrier stamps, one cent black, horseman, used on the cover, without the government stamp is to be "analyzed". While the used carrier stamps seldom are found "se tenant" yet there are not a few examples of the stamps in that condition to be cited. They are to be found in the great collections of Mr. Worthington and Dr. Bowers, for instance. It is known that the Franklin carrier in strip of three was used to pay the regular postage but as the Franklin and eagle carrier stamps were issued under the authority of an act of congress, they may be said to be in a class by themselves, purely official. Still, the existence of stamps of semi-official character could be accounted for in this same way. Again the letter may have been a local one that was handled without the aid of the U. S. mails, except insofar as the services of the carrier, a functionary occupying an officially appointive position (in contrast to the carriers employed by the local and express companies) entered into the transaction. Extra weight of a letter, a bulky pamphlet or a book may have required the additional carrier stamps. That the carrier or semi-official stamps are a class concerning which there is much to be learned is an accepted fact. There is but little printed record of the stamps and of the regulations attending their use and of their delivery on letters that is available for the use of the investigator of these days.

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(*Concluded from last week.*)

The stamps utilized for provisionals were those used for the collection of taxes on the coupons of the "FERRO CARRIL AL NORTE" (Northern Railroad), and were 1 peso face-value. The stamps shew the portrait of M. Rivera Paz, who was the first President of Guatemala. He remained in office from 1821 to 1845, when Carrera (mentioned at the beginning of this article) took over the reins of the Government.

The decree authorizing the issue is dated February 12th, 1886; it mentioned the evident need of higher values, and the "100 centavos" is described in it as "1 piastre", an echo of an old Spanish collection of names.

The stamps were issued on May 6th, 1886, but how many were left for Parker has not been stated. The stamps were surcharged in black, and monopolize a big space on the surface of the stamp, the values being:—

25c on 1p vermilion.
50c " " "
75c " " "
100c " " "
150c " " "

The surcharge of the 25c, 50c, and 75c was set up in four blocks of 50 stamps each in five rows of 10, so that there were 200 stamps to the sheet. The post office sheets consisted of 100 stamps in ten rows of 10, but the stamps were printed in sheets of 200 in two panes. The division between the panes was marked by arrows, similar to the method employed in the United States of America. The panes were severed down the centre and issued to the Post Office as sheets of 100 stamps. The consequence, of course, is that all the stamps in either the first or last vertical row of each Post Office sheet are imperforate.

The surcharges of the 100c and 150c were set up in blocks of 25 stamps in five rows of 5, but were printed in sheets of 200, and issued as sheets of 100 stamps to the Post Office, which cut them down into panes of 25.

There are a great many varieties of these surcharges, really too many to mention in detail, but I give a few of the most distinct:—

Most of these varieties are not noted by Gibbons.

25c.

(a) "centovos".
(b) "centanos".
(c) "cen anos".
(d) "Corre cionales".
(e) "255" for "25c".
(f) "s" of "Nacionales" inverted.
(g) capital "V" in "centavos", bottom line of type.
(h) no full stop after "25c" in fourth line.

50c.

(a) "centovos".
(b) "centanos".
(c) "Carreos".
(d) "Corre cionales".
(e) "ales" of "Nacionales" inverted.
(f) "s" of " " only.
(g) no full stop after "50c" in fourth line.

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(h) "Co" of "Correos" out of alignment.
(i) comma, for full stop, after right-hand "50c" in fourth line.

75c.

(a) "centovos".
(b) "centanos".
(c) "s" of "Nacionales" inverted.
(d) figures on stamp read "75" "50" "75" "75".
(e) no full stop after "75c" in fourth line.
(f) "Carreos".

A variety which is common to all the above three values, and repeated several times on the sheet, is that the four links under the words "Correos Nacionales" can be found inverted as well as the single link under the "e" of "Guatemala". The way to tell this is by the shading. For a normal link the thick lines of shading should be inside the top and outside the bottom line, and the thin lines should be outside the top and inside the bottom line; for the inverted link the shading is found exactly opposite. This explanation is rather mystifying, but, if compared with the stamp, will be clearer.

100c on 1 peso.

(a) values read "110" "100" "á00" "100".
(b) "Guatemala" in heavy type.
(c) centre ornament below 'Guatemala" is colourless, except small dot.
(d) ditto is of solid colour.

150c.

(a) "Guetemala".
(b) "G" of "Guatemala" inverted.
(c) ornament below "Guatemala" inverted.
(d) four figures "5" in italics.
(e) "G" of "Guatemala" inverted and double.

In the 25c, 50c, and 75c stamps only the figures of value were altered according to the denomination that was to be printed. So supposing the type was set up for the 50c value, and the authorities required some 75c stamps, what they did was to remove all the figures "0", shift each "5" slightly to the right, and put on the left the figure "7". A proof of this is shown by the error which occurs on the 75c of "50" and "75" appearing on the same stamp.

In the 100c value the word "Guatemala" is printed in two types, the lowest row of the sheet being in thicker lettering.

Issue of 1886-94.—The man Parker mentioned above performed his part very well, and selected eleven very distinct colours for the eleven values. The design was the original suggestion of Dr. Emileo de Léon, the Postmaster-General, and is very appropriate to Guatemala, marking as it does the progress of the country. The quetzal is a true emblem of liberty, because the bird will not live in captivity.

The stamps were manufactured by the American Bank Note Co. of New York. They were lithographed on white wove paper by transfers from an engraved die, and issued to the public on July 1st, 1886.

The following is the list of stamps issued, and the quantity of each printed:

1c blue	250,000.
2c brown	150,000.
5c purple	500,000.
10c mauve	300,000.
20c green	200,000.
25c orange	100,000.
50c olive-green	100,000.
75c rose	100,000.
100c deep brown	100,000.
150c blue	100,000.
200c yellow	100,000.

Issue of 1886 *(Provisionals).*—The 1 centavo of the last issue soon ran out of stock, and as a temporary means of supplying the Government 70,000 of the 2 centavos stamps were surcharged, and put on sale on the 12th November, 1886. The surcharge is type-set, and was evidently set up in five blocks of 20 stamps in two rows of 10; it contains several varieties.

For this surcharge the stamp went under the press twice; first the words "PROVISIONAL — I — UN CENTAVO" were printed, and then by a second printing the date "1886" was added. This can be proved in a number of ways, one being that the two surcharges have hardly ever the same quantity of ink on them, one being heavier than the other. There were two printings of the date surcharge, one having a full stop after it and the other with none.

As I said before, there are several varieties of this surcharge, among them being:—

(a) "1886" double.
(b) " inverted below figure "1".
(c) surcharge inverted without stop.
(d) " " with "
(e) broken figure "1".
(f) "N" of "PROVISIONAL" out of alignment.

Issue of 1887-94.—In the meantime the Government had replenished their stock of the 1c, 2c, and 5c stamps, but these were engraved instead of lithographed. As the stock of stamps became exhausted, the high values were replaced by the engraved. The stamps were issued in the following years:—

1, 2, and 5 centavos in 1887.
10 " " 1892.
20 " " 1893.
25 " " 1894.

The rest of the values, viz., the 50, 75, 100, 150, and 200 centavos, were never engraved and only exist lithographed.

The way to distinguish the stamps of the lithographed issue from those of the engraved is, on the latter the lines at the extreme top of the stamp above the locomotive and the steamer stand out clear from the rest. The numerals also differ. The 2c lithographed stamp has a much stouter "2" than the engraved, and the "10" of 10c engraved is much larger and bigger than the lithographed "10".

Issue of 1888.—The lithographed and first engraved stamps of the 5c value have a thin figure, but this type was superseded in 1888 by stamps with a numeral considerably thicker.

Issue of 1894.—A new value, 6c, was introduced at the end of 1894, though previous to its issue a provisional 6c had been made. On January 6th, 1890, the peso of Central America was fixed by a monetary conference as:—=$2.0698 Central America=$1 United States, equivalent to about 4s in England.

In consequence, postage on ordinary letters required a higher denomination, and in 1894 the 5c was replaced by the new value, 6c.

As I have just mentioned, a 6c provisional had been made previous to the supply of the regular type. It was issued in April, 1894, and about that time there was a dearth of 2 and 10 centavos stamps.

This want was soon satisfied, for the authorities surcharged four values of the 1886 (lithographed) issue as follows:—

2c on 100c brown.
6c on 150c deep blue.
10c on 75c rose.
10c on 200c yellow.

The ink used in the surcharge was red for the 6c on 150c, and blue-black for the other three values. The surcharge was set up in blocks of 20 stamps, in ten horizontal rows of 2.

There are two types of each surcharge common to all the four values; they are in regard to the length of the date "1894"—one is spaced and the other cramped. On both types of the 10c on 75c and the 10c on 200c can be found three varieties of the figure "1" of "10" centavos, they being quite distinct.

The 10c on 75c rose can be found with its surcharge double.

In Central and South American countries a great many 1 centavo stamps are used at the end of the year for local postage on New Year greeting cards. The Guatemalan authorities, finding themselves short of this value in this year, authorised, by a decree dated 21st December, the issue of a quantity of the 2 centavos (engraved issue of 1887), the stock of which had now been replenished from New York, to be surcharged 1 centavo. The surcharge was similar to that on the last set of provisionals, but this time in black.

There are only two errors of note in this surcharge, one of them being in the word "CENTAVO". This word is spelt "C-E-N-T-A-V" without the final "o". The positions of this error are the 1st, 3rd, 5th, 7th, and 9th stamps in the fourth horizontal row of the sheet. The stamps were surcharged in blocks of 20 stamps in ten horizontal rows of 2, and hence the sheets were put under press five times for each surcharge, thus making the error "CENTAV" occur five times. The other error to which I call your attention is the double surcharge. There are several forms of this; some appear smudged or blurred, and others quite distinctly doubly printed.

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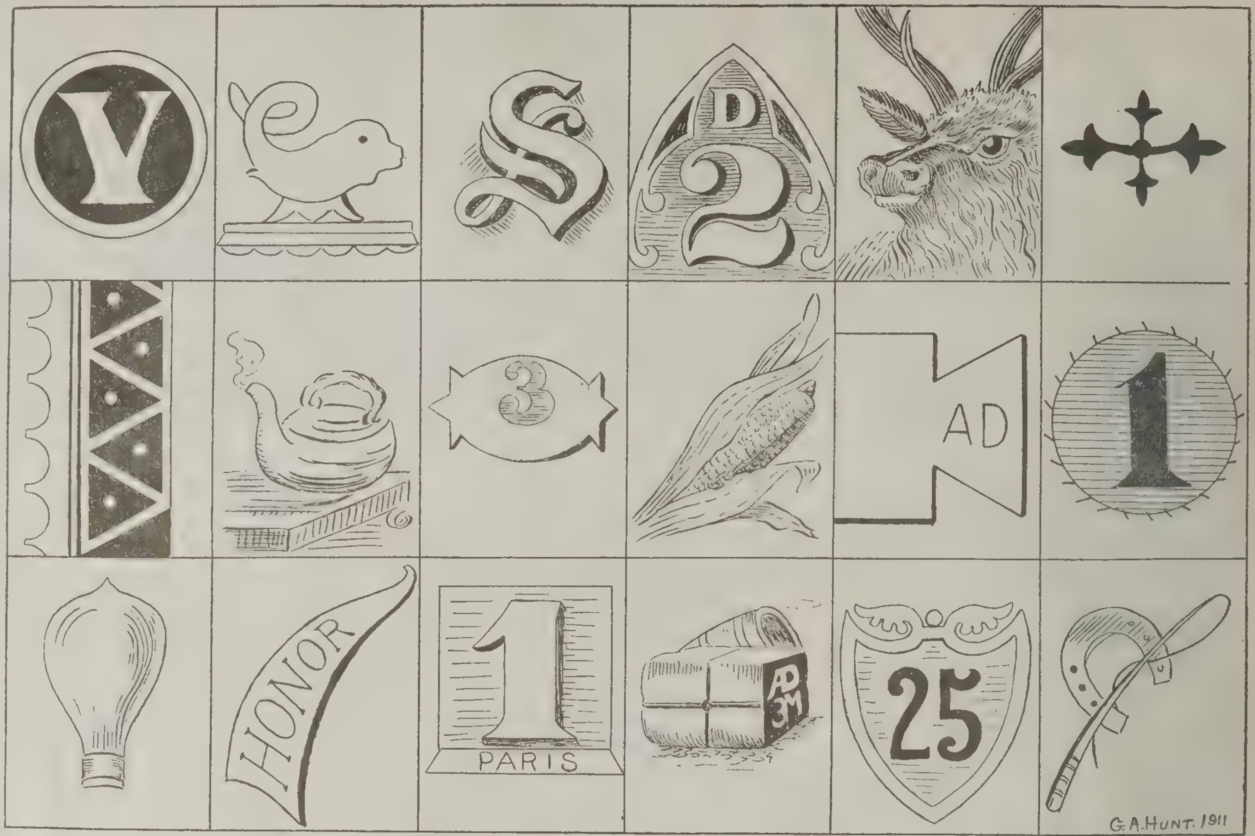

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Quoted from Observations Based on Catalog of Lord Crawford's Library.

The work of the philatelic librarian has hitherto been extremely complicated in certain directions as anyone must know who has attempted to complete files of the thousand and more different (and often indifferent) stamp papers published in the United States. Collectors will find the catalogue of immeasurable service, inasmuch as it forms a detailed map of this little explored territory. To instance a few of the complications. Probably nearly two hundred stamp journals started in the United States never issued a second number, the first and last number was invariably full of optimistic promises for a brilliant future, and it has been extremely difficult to get certain knowledge of whether there was any continuation at all. Another example typical of the difficulties that beset the student of philatelic literature has been the utter disregard of uniformity, sometimes in size of paper, sometimes in the very title, sometimes in both. Here is a journal of which *five* numbers were issued by one and the same publisher, yet it managed to change both its shape and its name before its little flame finally flickered out. It was *The Fireside Friend*, published at Sawens, New York State, in 1888, size 5½x8½, these being the title and size of No. 1, but with No. 2 the title was changed to *The Collectors' Friend*, still in the same small size; thus it remained for two issues, numbered 2 and 3 respectively; then a second No. 3 (an error of numbering) appeared with the same title, but nearly double the size, 11x13. A minor change of title in the second No. 3, had it been noticed at the time, might have struck *the* subscriber as ominous, for the plural form appeared corrected to the singular, *The Collector's Friend*, and as possibly this one individual withdrew his support, the little lamp of learning flickered out with No. 4.

Quaint and often ludicrous titles were used by some of the small journals published across the Atlantic during the epidemic periods, when every boy wanted to own his own organ of philatelic power and influence. As some of these titles presented no clue whatsoever to their real or supposed connection with stamps, they provided another considerable difficulty for the collector. Some examples of ridiculous titles were: *The Baby Philatelist, The Philatelic Snoozer, The Philatelic Squeal,* and many more. Of titles not perhaps so absurd, *The Amateur Clipper, The Yankee Clipper* (? of perforations), *Common Sense, Plain Talk,* and a hundred others conveyed no clue to the nature of their contents.

Another difficulty presented itself in the wholesale amalgamations which the slender lives of most of these little leaflet journals made possible, some of the bigger journals having after their title the words "with which is incorporated . . .", the incorporations including as many as a score of other titles. This amalgamating sometimes led to curious complications. Here is a monthly journal, volumes 1 and 2 of 1905 and 1906 (Nos. 1-21). In the beginning of the next year the whole number jumps to "128." The literaturist has hitherto had to discover for himself that the two-year-old journal has swallowed up an older one, retained the title of the lean cow, and taken on the respectable age of the fat one.—*Stamp Lover.*

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UNITED STATES:—Franklin S. Smith writes as follows regarding the Montclair, N. J., precancels: The postmaster has taken advantage of the ruling of the Postoffice Department and has had about $1,000 worth precancelled. The values include from the 1c to and including the 15c. The history of these stamps is very amusing and interesting. He at first had a plate made with a circle and name of the city, and then finding that he had to have two parallel lines, used a small rubber stamp to add a line similar to that in the middle of the circle on all his 10 and 15 cent stamps. Then he found that this was not right, so he had the bars printed additionally tangent to the circle, but as they did not hit exactly the result is that the lines appear above and below the circles at various distances on all denominations. These stamps were not available after Dec. 25, 1911, and as they gave out he used a rubber stamp with two bars, and the name of the city in two lines for the cancellation, the 15c having been seen with this cancellation.

The following new precancels have been reported by F. B. Eldredge, E. J. Post, Franklin S. Smith and W. H. Schneider:

Chicago, Ill., 5c 1911, normal; type V.
Chicago, Ill., 8c 1911, normal; type V.
North Conocton, N. Y., 1c 1911, normal; type I.
Cincinnati, Ohio, 4c 1908, normal; type VI
Chicago, Ill., 3c 1911, inverted; type V.
Marlboro, Mass., 2c 1911, reading down; type I.
Marlboro, Mass., 5c 1911, inverted, diagonally up; type I.
North Adams, Mass., 2c 1911, normal; type I.
Montpelier, Vt., 3c 1908, normal; type, I.
Montpelier, Vt., 5c 1908, normal; type, I.
Montpelier, Vt., 6c 1908, normal; type, I.
Montpelier, Vt., 8c 1908, normal; type, I.
Montpelier, Vt., 15c 1908, normal; type, I.
Montpelier, Vt , 10c 1911, inverted; type, I.
Montpelier, Vt., 4c 1911, normal; type, I.
Montpelier, Vt., 1c 1911, normal; type, I.
Akron, Ohio, 6c 1911, normal; type, V.
Hyde Park, Mass., 4c 1911, normal, type, I.
Montclair, N. J., 1c 1911, normal; type, III.
Montclair, N. J., 2c 1911, normal; type, III.
Montclair, N. J., 3c 1911, normal; type, III.
Montclair, N. J., 4c 1911, normal; type, III.
Montclair, N. J., 5c 1911, normal. type, III.
Montclair, N. J., 6c 1908, normal; type, III.
Montclair, N. J., 8c 1908, normal; type, III.
Montclair, N. J., 10c 1911, normal; type, II.
Montclair, N. J., 15c 1911, normal; type. IV.
Lawrence, Mass., 5c 1908, normal; type, I.
Whitman, Mass., (Station A) 5c 1908, normal; type, I.
Northampton, Mass., 4c 1908, normal; type VI.
Westerly, R. I. 1c 1911, normal; type I.
Westerly, R. I., 2c 1911, normal; type, I.
Westerly, R. I., 3c 1908, normal. type, I.
Westerly, R. I., 4c 1911, normal; type, I.
Westerly, R. I., 5c 1911, normal; type, I.
Westerly, R. I., 6c 1911, normal; type, I.
Westerly, R. I., 8c 1911, normal; type, I.
Westerly, R. I., 10c 1911, normal; type. I.
New Bedford, Mass., 2c 1911, normal; type I.
New Bedford, Mass., 5c 1911, normal; type, I.
New Bedford, Mass., 10c 1911, normal; type, I.
Cleveland, Ohio, 2c 1911, (Schermack No. 3) normal; type IV.

BULGARIA.—*Le Bulletin Philatélique* learns that the postal authorities are thinking of offering the remainders of old issues for sale. The remainders are said not to be very large.

CANADA.—Through the courtesy of the New England Stamp Co. we are able to announce the definite issue of the King George stamps, the 1c and 2c values having been shown us. The design is similar to the King Edward stamps, the arrangement of the upper half of the stamp being the same, except that the words, "Canada Postage" are larger and bolder. The lines of the oval are also more prominent, while the crowns in the upper corners are changed in form. The King is in a full dress naval uniform, though without chapeau, and faces to left. The oval containing the portrait is smaller, the band around it being slightly wider. This oval band terminates at the King's shoulder in a group of maple leaves on each side, leaving an open space below the oval in which is placed the value in words, in two horizontal lines. The squares in the lower corners, containing the figures of value, are larger and fully shaped. The colors are changed, the 1c being a bright green and the 2c a carmine red. Paper and perforation are unchanged, and the stamps are not watermarked. The whole arrangement and appearance is far superior to the English issue.

Mr. A. McKechnie has also shown us specimens of these new stamps.

Adhesives.

1c green.
2c carmine red.

CAYMAN ISLANDS.—Harry E. Huber reports a novelty from the Islands in the shape of a new 2½d stamped envelope, the color being ultramarine on gray blue; size, 165x94 mm; and the design being the same as for the 1d stamped envelopes and post cards, except that the inscription reads, "Cayman Islands Postage" in smaller letters. The date of issue was probably the latter part of November.

Envelopes.

2½ ultramarine on gray blue.

Mr. Huber is informed that further delays have occurred in connection with preparing the new King George design key plate, and now the new stamps are not expected to arrive until next spring.

COSTA RICA.—The E. B. Cookson Co. has shown us a provisional revenue from Costa Rica, which has been used for postage. The stamp was originally dated 1910, but this date has been changed by overprinting "**1911**" in black, horizontally across the stamp. The copy shown us has been placed on the back of the envelope and escaped cancellation.

CUBA.—*L'Echo* notes that the 1c green and violet and 2c carmine and green, recently current, have been found with inverted centres. The 10c will shortly be issued in a single color, orange.

GERMANY.—*Offices in China.*—Mr. Schachne shows us the 5pf divided face German card with the same overprint as on the 1905 set.

Post Card.

2c black on 5pf green on buff, divided face.

GOLD COAST.—The New England Stamp Co. has shown us the 2sh 6d King Edward stamp on multiple paper, in the new colors.

Adhesive.

2sh 6d black and carmine on blue.

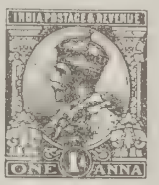
GREECE.—The *London Philatelist* notes that a change has been made in the current 50 lepta stamp, the most noticeable difference being in the shading of the background. The figures of value vary slightly and other differences may be found.

GUATEMALA.—Two new provisionals have been issued in Guatemala, the stamps of the 1902 set being used as the base. The surcharge consists of "Correos de Guatemala" printed diagonally on the stamps from lower left to upper right, while the values, "Dos—Centavos" and "Seis - Centavos" are arranged horizontally in two lines in the upper left corners of the stamps. The date, "1911," is printed in the lower right corner, also horizontally. The surcharge is in carmine on the 2c and in black on the 6c. We are indebted to William L. Aldrich & Co. for unused specimens of these provisionals, the E. B. Cookson Co. having also shown us the 6c in used condition. Mr. Aldrich's correspondent writes that nearly all of the issue was used up very quickly, and that the stamps are no longer obtainable at the postoffice, unless the purchaser accepts 80 per cent of his purchase in stamps of other denominations.

Provisional Adhesives.

"Dos Centavos" on 5c blue and black.
"Seis Centavos" on 10c orange and blue.

INDIA.—We illustrate the new 1a stamp, with portrait of King George, through the courtesy of W. T. Wilson. This was described sufficiently in No. 1096, with the exception of the color, which is a delicate shade of rose carmine. The stamp is very handsomely printed, and presents a much finer appearance than the 1d stamp of Great Britain, though neither of them have the most satisfactory picture of the King,—for instance, the very good portrait used by Newfoundland in its recently issued Royal Family set. However, the new Indian stamp is vastly more attractive than anything the mother country has yet shown, possibly owing to the greater experience and facilities of the De La Rue concern, which has just renewed its contract with the Indian Government for a term of years.



Adhesive.

1a rose carmine.

Trengganu.—We have received from Mr. Schachne the first cards from this Indian State. The stamps show the Rajah's portrait, numerals of value appear in each lower corner with name of the state between, native inscriptions on the other three sides. There are three headlines at upper center, all in English and there are no "arms".

These seem to be only for local use as no "U. P. U." appears.

Post Cards.

1 cent green on buff, 120x74.
3 cents red on buff, 140x90.

VENEZUELA.—*Le Bulletin Philatelique* chronicles a set of "Instruccion" for inland postage, in addition to the regular postage stamps noted several weeks since.

Adhesives.

Labelled "Instruccion" for inland postage.
5c blue; portrait of Vargas.
10c yellow; De [illegible].
25c gray; Sanz.
50c carmine; Blanco.
1b green; Bello?
2b red brown; portrait?
3b violet; Paez?
10b red violet; Ayacucho?
20b blue; Bolivar?

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WITH THE BOY PHILATELIST.

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We propose to insert upon this page matter that will be of interest to the boy collector. Some two thousand boys are now on our mailing list and it is our desire to come closely in contact with them in such a manner as will be most helpful. Any information desired will be cheerfully rendered through these columns. Do not submit stamps for examination.

MADAGASCAR.

The British Inland Mail.

Last week I gave a brief history of the "Consular Mail" stamps of Madagascar and I now propose giving a brief account of another series of labels issued in the island under British auspices. The labels in question are the stamps of the British Inland Mail and though these are not listed in Scott's catalogue they are mentioned in most of the leading European catalogues. At the time the stamps appeared and also some years afterwards when the remainders came on the market they were condemned on all sides and placed under the ban of the short-lived Society for the Suppression of Speculative Stamps. There is little doubt that speculation entered largely into their issue but when we separate the grain from the chaff it seems plain that while the post was a speculation on the part of certain private individuals, it had official sanction, and served a useful purpose in maintaining communication between Antananarivo and the coast. The British Inland Mail certainly existed and it would seem that the stamps not only franked missives to the coast but also as far as Durban, Natal, where the letters had to be again franked with the necessary Natal stamps to carry them on to Europe. Though their use was restricted they are hardly locals in the strict sense of the term. Why Scott's ignore them I cannot say but their attitude is inexplicable in the face of the fact that they *do* list the stamps of the "Consular Mail" stamps, which from the remarks published last week, would appear to have had no postal use at all.

This British Inland Mail was started in January 1895, at a time when, as France and the Malagasy people were at war, communication between the capital and the coast was practically non-existent. In connection with this post a set of seven stamps were issued all of the same design. The stamps were type-set and consisted of a double-lined rectangle inscribed "Postage" at top, "Madagascar" at bottom, value in words at left, and "Kirobo" at right. In the centre is a diamond inscribed "British Inland Mail, 1895", while in the lower spandrels the value is shown in figures. The 4d was printed in black on thick laid paper while the other values, 1d bluegrey, 6d yellow, 8d salmon, 1s fawn, 2s bright rose, and 4s grey, were printed on wove paper. The "plate" for each value consisted of six stamps and four impressions were taken from this plate to form a sheet. The two lower impressions were printed upside down on the sheets. An error of the 4d is known with the word "FOUR" spelled "Fuor". Unused and genuinely used copies of these stamps are rare though cancelled-to-order (from he remainders) the set can be purchased for less than $2.00.

In March 1895, a set of more pretentious design was issued. The values and colors were:—2d blue, 4d rose, 6d green, 1s slate-blue, 2s chocolate and 4s bright purple. These stamps were manufactured in London, being printed by lithography and perforated 12. The central design shows two Malagasy runners, one having two boxes attached to his shoulder for carrying the mails and the other armed with a spear as a protection against wild animals. On each of the boxes the words "British Mail" appear in microscopic capitals. Above the picture the inscription "British Inland Mail, Madagascar" is shown in white letters on a solid ground. Underneath the central vignette is a native word to denote the value while in the upper angles the value is shown in British currency.

The 2d and 4d values were printed in sheets of 36 arranged in six rows of six, while the other values were in sheets of 18 in three horizontal rows of six stamps each.

The lithographic stones for the 2d and 4d values were made up of transfers of strips of six and though each stamp in the strip differs from the others the differences are so minute that it is only possible to detect them in a few cases.

The other values appear to have been transferred in strips of three. In the 1s this can be proved by the presence of a small dot after the shilling sign in the upper right hand corner on the third and sixth stamps of each row of six. In the 2s, the third and fifth stamps in each row of six show a tiny dot in the right lower corner of the tablet containing the word "LOSO" so this value is also proved to have been transferred in strips of three and though I have been unable to detect any peculiarities on the 6d and 4s, it is highly probable these were also transferred in strips of three.

The margins of the sheets are plain except for the presence of colored dots at each end of the second row in the small sheets and the third row in the large sheets. The perforation was the work of a single line machine and the perforations extend across the margins on all four sides.

The paper is white wove and unwatermarked.

These stamps were in use but a few months for in September the French entered the capital, Antananarivo, took possession of the island as a French colony and the British Inland Mail was promptly suppressed. The remainders of this issue were sold in London in 1903 and as they were sold at much below face value the whole set may still be obtained for about $2.00.

SIERRA LEONE.—20TH CENTURY.

By D. B. Armstrong.

The Twentieth Century postal issues of Sierra Leone call for little remark, and are about the least troublesome of all the British Colonial stamps of this period. They are printed from the De La Rue Colonial "Postage and Revenue" key-plate, and, save for the changes in watermark and paper, there is no variation. A supply of King's Head stamps of all values was received in the colony in December, 1902, but was not immediately placed on sale, as there were still large stocks of Queen's Head stamps on hand. In the meantime, the Colonial Postmaster endeavoured to work off part of this stock by issuing a circular letter to the stamp trade announcing the issue of the new stamps, and appending a list of Queen's Head stamps remaining on hand. This effort does not seem to have met with a great deal of success, and it was not until May 18th, 1903, that the pioneer value of the King's Head series made its appearance, and it was September 29th before the remaining twelve stamps followed suit.

May 18th and September 29th, 1903.

King's Head design. Wmk. Crown CA (single). Perf. 14. Name and value in second colour. Typographed by Messrs. De La Rue and Co., in London, in sheets of 120 (two panes of sixty, in ten rows of six).

½d purple and green.
1d " rosine.
1½d " black.
2d " brown-orange.
2½d " ultramarine.
3d " grey.
4d " rosine.
5d " black.
6d " violet.
1s, green and black.
2s " ultramarine.
5s " carmine.
£1 purple on red.

A single value only of this type, the 1d, was issued upon unsurfaced paper, with the Multiple Crown CA watermark, being placed on sale nearly a year previous to the issue of the remaining denominations of the multiple series, which were all printed on the newly introduced chalk-surfaced paper. This stamp is consequently rather scarce, and has made considerable advances in value during the past few years.

August 6th, 1904.

Design, etc., as before. Wmk. Multiple Crown CA. Unsurfaced paper. Perf. 14.

1d purple and rosine.

This was the first Crown colony to have its stamps printed on chalk-surfaced paper, and the 1905 issue of Sierra Leone was the pioneer series of British Colonial stamps printed on this paper. They were despatched from London in June of that year, and issued in the colony at various dates during August and September. Pending the receipt of these stamps in the summer of 1905, several values of the King's Head series were sold right out, and for a short time the same denominations of the Queen's Head type were reissued, previous to the destruction of the entire remaining stock, of which the colonial authorities had been unable to make a satisfactory disposition.

August and September, 1905.

King's Head designs as before. Wmk. Multiple Crown CA. Perf. 14. Chalk-surfaced paper. Approximate dates of issue appended in brackets.

½d purple and green (August).
1d " rosine (August).
1½d " black (September).
2d " orange-brown (August).
2½d " ultramarine (August).
3d " grey (August).
4d " rosine (August).
5d " black (September).
6d " violet (August).
1s green and black (August).
2s " ultramarine (August 10).
5s " carmine (August 10).
£1 purple on red (August 10).

Variety, inverted watermark.

3d purple and grey.

Shades.

A new printing of the 1d value issued in November, 1906, was an entirely new shade.

1d dark lilac and rose, **instead of** purple and rosine.

Later printings of several of the low values have had the body of the stamps printed in a shade of *pale lilac*, quite distinct from the *purple* first employed.

½d pale lilac, **instead of** purple and green.
1d " " " and rosine.
1½d " " " and black.
2d " " " and orange-brown.
2½d " " " and ultramarine.
3d " " " and grey.
4d " " " and rosine.
5d " " " and black.

During the course of 1907, in accordance with the provisions of the Rome Convention of the Universal Postal Union, three of the low-value stamps were issued printed entirely in the colours prescribed by that body.

1907.

Design, watermark, etc., as before. Unicoloured. Unsurfaced paper. Dates of issue appended in brackets.

½d green (April 11th).
1d carmine (June 10th).
2½d blue (July 9th)).

The following values have been issued in new colours conforming to the Crown Agents' colonial colour scheme, which was adopted by the colony in 1908:—

1909-10.

King's Head design as before. New colours. Wmk. Multiple Crown CA. Chalk-surfaced paper for all values above 2d. Name and value in second colour. Perf. 14. Dates of issue appended in brackets.

1½d orange (February 15, 1910).
2d grey (June, 1909).
3d purple on **yellow** (May, 1909).
4d black and red on **yellow** (June, 1909).
5d purple and green (June, 1909).
6d purple (April, 1909).
1s black on **green** (February 20, 1909).
2s purple and blue on **blue**(Feb. 21, '09).
5s red and green on **yellow** (April, 1909).

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1902	1c green, No. 41	.01
	2c carmine, No 42	.01
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	10c red and black, No. 43a	.03
	30c purple and black, No. 44	.04
1903	10c on 30c orange, No. 46	.05
	*1c on 20c ultramarine, No. 47	.03
	1c on 20c ultramarine, No. 47	.02
	2c yellow brown, No 48	.03
	*3c on 1p brown, No. 50	.10
	5c red, No. 51	.03
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(We are indebted to Arthur W. Line for the following clipping from the Los Angeles *Herald* of Dec. 27. It will readily be noted that Postmaster General Hitchcock is on record as favoring an aeroplane stamp and from his letter to Mr. Ferris he plainly indicates that a special stamp of this kind is one of the possibilities of the near future. No doubt we can stand this novelty, providing every little aviation meet throughout the length and breadth of the land does not require an individual issue.—ED.)

Postmaster General Frank H. Hitchcock has personally expressed his regret to Dick Ferris, director general of the Los Angeles aviation meet at Dominguez next month, that he cannot issue the first especially designed aerial postage stamp in honor of the third international flying exhibition of Southern California. His appreciation of Ferris' work and of Los Angeles as a point for progress in flying is shown in his assurance that the stamp would be designed and issued if time permitted.

This information was contained in the following letter received this morning at aviation headquarters:

"My dear Mr. Ferris: I have received your telegram of the 10th instant requesting the preparation by this department of a specially designed aeroplane postage stamp for the commemoration of the third international aviation meet to be held at Los Angeles, Cal., from the 20th to the 28th of January next, and in reply regret to have to inform you that it is not possible, on account of the shortness of the time, to prepare and issue such stamps.

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It takes at least six weeks to prepare designs, make plates and print and issue a new lot of postage stamps, which fact you will readily see renders me unable to comply with your request, although I should like very much to do so, as I am interested in the development of aviation as a possible facility for the transportation of the mails.

Regretting my inability to give a more satisfactory answer, I have the honor to remain yours very truly,

FRANK H. HITCHCOCK,
Postmaster General."

Ferris had already received the same news in substance in a telegram from United States Senator Perkins, who, with Senator Works and Congressman Stephens, had been supporting the interests of Los Angeles in getting into history with the first postage stamp to commemorate air delivery. In reply he wired urging that the ordinary special delivery stamp be surcharged "Aeroplane Delivery" and sent to Postmaster Harrison for sale at Dominguez. This suggestion is now officially before the post-office department at Washington.

WANTS STAMPS ANYWAY.

It was followed by a letter from Director General Ferris to Postmaster General Hitchcock urging that, regardless of the Los Angeles meet, a special stamp commemorating aerial delivery of mail be issued as early as possible in 1912, as it will be utilized at the big aviation meets which come later in the year than at Los Angeles. In any event, therefore, Dick Ferris will get the credit for outlining the idea and securing the co-operation of the post-office department.

He said today that the plan had been ready to present to the department at Washington several months ago, but that it could not be presented officially until the organization for the 1912 meet had been perfected. On the same day that the California Aviation society entered into a contract with the American Aeroplane company to conduct the meet Ferris sent telegrams to Postmaster General Hitchcock, Senators Perkins and Works and Congressman Stephens.

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Introduction.

By way of a sequel to the hand-book just published by our Editor, on the King Edward VII stamps of Great Britain, and which describes only the ordinary adhesive stamps issued during the late reign, we propose to present to our readers a history of the stamps embossed or impressed upon postal stationery during the same period, and hope to make it as exhaustive as possible. We wish to create no misapprehensions at the outset, and therefore will indicate as clearly as possible the scope of this article.

As we rather expect that our manner of dealing with the stamps in question may be liable to criticism by some philatelists, we feel that we must attempt to present a few arguments in our own defence. We allude, of course, to the time-honoured controversy of "Entire" *versus* "Cut-square." We propose to discuss these stamps from the "Cut square" point of view, only recognising varieties of die or colour, and entirely disregarding the shape, size, texture or colour of the paper or card upon which such dies are impressed. Our chief reason is that "the stamp's the thing," and that the size or colour of the paper upon which it appears is of no more importance to the *stamp* collector (as opposed to the *stationery* collector) than is the size or colour of the envelope or other cover upon which we place our adhesive stamps. Although we do not agree with Mr. H. L'Estrange Ewen in many of his contentions on philatelic subjects, we are unreservedly with him when he says in his "Catalogue of the Unadhesive Postage Stamps of the United Kingdom, 1840-1905," "that the paper or other material on which an unadhesive stamp is impressed does not form part of the stamp," although we admit that "it is an impossibility to collect the impressions without any paper at all." The collector of entires will argue, with a certain amount of reason, that the envelopes, post-cards, and wrappers sold at the post-offices are every bit as official as the stamps impressed thereon. True, but, although very interesting in themselves, it is the stamp, and the stamp alone, which concerns us. We think that our contention that stamps cut from stationery do not lose their interest or value has been greatly supported by the recent action of the authorities in permitting the use of "cut-squares" for prepaying postage.

Having made our apology, we will now indicate the method of our procedure. We propose to divide our subject under the following heads:—

- A. Envelope Stamps.
- B. Registration Envelope Stamps.
- C. Wrapper Stamps.
- D. Post-card Stamps.

We must express our indebtedness to the following publications and articles:—

The Priced Catalogue of the Unadhesive Stamps of the United Kingdom (1st edition, Sept., 1905), by Mr. H. L'Estrange Ewen.

Notes on the Postal Issues of the United Kingdom during the Present Reign (*London Philatelist*, Vol. XIII, p. 55) by His Gracious Majesty King George V (then Prince of Wales).

The Stamps and Entires of Great Britain issued during the Reign of King Edward (*Philatelic Record*, Vol. XXXII., p. 205) by Mr. L. W. Fulcher.

Ewen's Weekly Stamp News, various numbers.

With regard to official information, documents, etc., relating to these stamps are few and far between, consisting of short references in the Reports of the Postmasters-General and an occasional official notice.

"Cut-Squares" as Adhesives.

As we mentioned above in the introduction, the late reign saw an important and long-desired reform introduced, permission being given by Act of Parliament for stamps cut from stationery to be affixed to postal covers in prepayment of postage, a use expressly forbidden by section 19 of the Post Office Act, 1870. It should, however, be pointed out that registration envelope stamps may only be used on registered objects, and not for prepayment of postage.

This innovation was brought about by section 2 of the Post Office Act, 1904 (4 Edw. 7. cap. 14), intituled, "An Act to amend the Post Office Acts with respect to cumulative commissions on Money Orders and the use of embossed and impressed stamps," which provided as follows:—

> "2. The Treasury may by warrant under the Post Office Acts, 1837 to 1903, regulate the use, by way of prepayment of postage, of embossed or impressed stamps cut out or otherwise separated from the cover or other paper, card, or thing on which the stamp was embossed or impressed, and section nineteen of the Post Office Act, 1870, which prohibits such use of such stamps, shall be repealed."

The *London Gazette* for December 9th, 1904, contained the following announcement:—

> "In pursuance of the Rules Publication Act, 1893, the Postmaster-General gives notice that a warrant, dated December 7th, 1904, has been made, on his representation, by the Commissioners of the Treasury, under which, on and after January 1st, 1905, embossed or impressed stamps, cut out of or otherwise detached from an envelope, cover, post-card, or other postal form, may be used in payment of postage."

In order to complete the documents relating to this subject, we quote the following paragraph from the FIFTY-FIRST REPORT OF THE POSTMASTER-GENERAL ON THE POST OFFICE, dated the 28th July, 1905:—

> "STAMPS."
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> "USE OF CUT-OUT STAMPS.—The Post Office Act of last session enabled me to withdraw the prohibition of the use of cut-out stamps in payment of postage as from the 31st December; and embossed or impressed postage stamps cut out of envelopes, post-cards, letter-cards, wrappers, or telegram forms may now be used as adhesive stamps for the purpose of prepaying postage."

A. Envelope Stamps.

Issue of 1902-3.—The death of Queen Victoria on the 22nd January, 1901, necessitated a new issue of envelope stamps in addition to new adhesive stamps. The new dies bearing the bust of King Edward VII were brought into use gradually as they were required. The values remained as under the previous reign, viz.:— ½d, 1d, 1½d, 2d, 2½d, 3d, 4d, 6d, 10d, and 1s, and the designs were very similar. The ½d envelope stamp was the first to be issued, being quickly followed by the 1d, both in January, 1902. The 6d appeared in February, and the 1½d in September. The other values did not see the light of day till the following year. No official notification of any kind seems to have appeared announcing the new stamps.

As had been the practice since 1855, the public were permitted to send stationery to Somerset House to be impressed with whatever amount of duty they required; in this way various compounds of the several values are to be met with, but do not appear to us to be possessed of any greater interest than, say, a 1d and a 1½d adhesive stamp affixed to an envelope to prepay postage at the 2½d rate. Most of the values were exclusively used for this purpose, only the ½d and 1d being on sale at the post offices, though for some time the Victorian 2½d continued on sale. Telegram forms stamped with the 6d stamp were to be purchased at post offices in not less a quantity than twenty, but these were all stamped at Somerset House. The ½d and 1d envelope stamps, which were on sale to the public at the post offices were, however, printed by Messrs. Thomas De La Rue & Co., of Bunhill Row, London, E. C., who held the contract down to December 31st, 1910. These can be distinguished from those impressed at Somerset House, as will hereafter appear.

The easiest way to deal with this issue seems to be to consider each value separately, as the design is different in each case, and the different points frequently arise.

The One Halfpenny.—As stated above, the ½d envelope stamp was the first value issued to the public, appearing on January 7th, 1902. The design shews a colourless bust to left of His Majesty, surmounted by a crown, from the base of which issues a branch of laurel at the left and a branch of oak at the right; in a curve below the bust are the words POSTAGE HALF PENNY; the whole is surrounded by a single-lined oval measur-

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The dates of the registration of these dies by the Inland Revenue authorities are as follows:—

Dies 1 and 2 (both B.R.), December 2nd, 1901.
" 3 to 6 (all B.R.), December 12th, 1901.
" 7 to 18 (all numbered), Dec. 31st, 1901.
" 19 to 30 (all numbered), April 25, 1902.
" 31 to 42 (all B.R.), September 16th, 1902.
" 43 and 44 (both numbered), Oct. 28, 1902.
" 45 to 54 (all numbered), Feb. 19th, 1903.
" 55 to 66 (all numbered), Jan. 12th, 1904.

Die 3, which was one of those lettered B. R., had been registered as early as November 23rd, 1901, but this registration was of the size of envelope rather than of the die.

We have not thought it necessary or advisable to give a list of the die-numbers with the earliest known date of each, as it would make dull reading, besides becoming inaccurate in a short time owing to further discoveries of early dates.

The first delivery of ½d post-office envelopes by Messrs. De La Rue & Co. was made on December 20th, 1901.

The One Penny.—The 1d envelope stamp was the second value to appear, being first issued at the post offices on January 21st, 1902. The design shews a profile bust to the left of King Edward VII upon a solid oval, surrounded by an oval of dots broken at the top by a cross; round this centre oval is an oval band of network, superimposed on which at the top appears the crown with branches of oak and laurel, as in the ½d; the bottom part of the oval band is inscribed in colour POSTAGE ONE PENNY; the whole design measured 28 mm. in height and 24½ mm. in width. This stamp was embossed in a deep red colour, varying considerably in the Somerset House impressions which sometimes appear in a pale rose-carmine.

Eighty-eight dies were made and registered for this stamp, of which dies 1 to 6 and 31 to 42 inclusive bore the letters B.R. on the base of the bust; being used by Messrs. De La Rue for printing stationery for sale at post offices; the other dies, viz.:—7 to 30 and 43 to 88, bore numbers in place of the letters, and were intended for use at Somerset House for impressing private stationery. The dies lettered B.R. are, of course, indistinguishable *inter se*. Up to the time of writing, impressions from dies 7 to 30, 43 to 79, 81 and 82 are known.

The dates of registration of the various dies are as follows:—

Die 1 (B.R.), December 23rd, 1901.
Dies 2 to 4 (all B.R.), December 18th, 1901.
" 5 and 6 (both B.R.), Dec. 23rd, 1901.
" 7 to 12 (all numbered), Dec. 31st, 1901.
" 13 to 18 (all numbered), Jan. 15th, 1902.
" 19 to 30 (all numbered), April 25th, 1902.
" 31 to 42 (all B.R.), July 8th, 1902.
" 43 and 44 (both numbered), Oct. 28, 1902.
" 45 to 54 (all numbered), March 3rd, 1903.
" 55 to 66 (all numbered), Sept. 25th, 1903.
" 67 to 78 (all numbered), June 20th, 1905.
" 79 to 88 (all numbered), Mar. 16th, 1909.

Die 5 (one of the B.R. dies) had been registered on November 23rd, 1901, but, as in the case of the ½d die 3, this registration was apparently of the envelope rather than of the die.

The first delivery of the 1d post office envelopes was made by Messrs. De La Rue & Co. on December 31st, 1901.

The Three Halfpence.—This value appeared about the middle of September, 1902. The design, which is very similar to that superseded, shews the King's head to left on a solid shield with an inner line of dots; this shield is surrounded by a shield-shape network border, upon which at top appears a solid tablet shewing a crown in white with a small five-pointed star on each side; in the top angles of the shield-shaped border are plugs shewing arrowheads pointing inwards; the bottom part of the border contains a solid tablet inscribed POSTAGE THREE HALFPENCE in white. This stamp was struck in orange-yellow, varying from pale to deep.

Three dies were prepared and registered, but only one, die 1, was utilised for this issue. These dies all bore the numbers on the base of the bust and were intended for use only at Somerset House for impressing private stationery. The three dies, 1 to 3, were registered on July 8th, 1902, but according to His Majesty's article published in the *London Philatelist* for March, 1904, the date of the first registration of the die of this value was April 8th, 1902; possibly this was the date of the registration of die-proofs in black, as in the case of other denominations.

The Two Pence.—The 2d value did not appear until some time in February, 1903. The design shews the usual profile of King Edward VII to left on a solid shield surmounted by a crown superimposed upon an oval network border; the lower part of this border contains, in solid lettering, the words POSTAGE TWO PENCE. The design measures 27 mm. in height and 24 mm. in width. The colour in which this value was struck was lake, varying slightly in shade.

Three dies, Nos. 1 to 3, were prepared, but only dies 1 and 2 were brought into use. This value was exclusively printed on private stationery at Somerset House, and accordingly the dies were numbered on the base of the bust. All three were registered on January 12th, 1903. Die 2 was brought into use in December, 1903.

In the article by His Majesty King George, already alluded to, November 27th, 1902, is given as the date of registration. Mr. L. W. Fulcher has kindly informed us that this was the date of registration of a die-proof in black, while impressions of the working dies in colour were registered on January 12th, 1903, as above stated.

The Two Pence Halfpenny.—February, 1903, witnessed the advent of the King Edward VII 2½d envelope stamp. The design shews the usual portrait to left on a solid upright pointed oval with an inner line of dots, surmounted by a crown; this was surrounded by a pointed oval network border with outer scallops; at the left of the design are the words TWO PENCE, and at the right HALF PENNY in solid lettering; a small solid tablet at bottom placed on the network border is inscribed POSTAGE. The design measures 29 mm. in height by 24 mm. in width. This value was struck in ultramarine.

The 2½d denomination had, since 1892, been one of those which were on sale at the post offices, but of late years its use has been small, owing to the reduction of the letter-rate to the Colonies and certain foreign countries from 2½d to 1d. Although, as we shall see, special dies were prepared for impressing on stationery intended for sale to the public, the issue of this value at post offices was discontinued from January 1st, 1904, until which date the 2½d envelopes of Queen Victoria had been on sale. The following official notice, dated early in December, 1903, was published:—

> "It has been decided to discontinue the issue of the 2½d embossed envelopes (L. & M.), and their sale to the public will cease at the end of the present month."

Five dies were prepared for this value, of which dies 1 and 2 bore the letters "B.R." on the base of the bust and were intended for use by Messrs. De La Rue & Co. on stationery for sale at post offices, but were never utilized. Dies 3, 4 and 5 bore numbers instead of letters, and were intended for use at Somerset House. Only die 3 was brought into use. All the five dies were registered on February 18th, 1902, but registration of probably a die-proof in black took place on December 21st, 1901.

The Three Pence.—The first 3d die was brought into use in February, 1903. The design shews the usual portrait on solid ground within a trilobe-shaped network border: below the head a bunch of laurel and one of oak appear, tied together by a ribbon. At the top of the stamp is a crown, and the lower part of the border is inscribed in solid capitals, POSTAGE THREE PENCE.

Three dies were prepared, and all bore the number of the die on the base of the bust, being only for use at Somerset House for private stationery. A die-proof in black was registered on November 4th, 1902. All three dies were first registered on December 9th, 1902, in a lilac-rose colour, similar to the last Victorian 3d envelope stamp, but for some reason this colour was abandoned, and the three dies were re-registered on December 15th, 1902, in brown. Dies 1 and 2 have been brought into use, the latter appearing late in December, 1903.

The Four Pence.—About the same time as the 2d, 2½d, and 3d, the King Edward VII 4d envelope stamp appeared. The design shews the usual profile to left; at the top is a crown with a short piece of network on either side. The portrait is nearly surrounded by two branches of laurel, and below appear in a curve the words, POSTAGE FOUR PENCE. The whole is surrounded by a circle of dots and an outer double circle consisting of a thin-lined circle within a thick-lined one, the diameter of which measures about 26 mm. The colour employed was a bright orange-vermilion.

Again, in the case of this value, three dies were prepared, and all bear the die number on the base of the bust, being only intended for use at Somerset House. Only die 1 has been brought into use. All three dies were registered on January 12th, 1903; a die-proof in black was registered on December 4th, 1902.

The Six Pence.—As there was a considerable demand for this value for use on telegram forms, it was one of the earliest of the Edwardian series to be brought into use, appearing towards the latter part of February, 1902. The design shews the usual bust of His Majesty surrounded by an ornate octagonal network border; at top is shewn the crown, on either side of which small solid tablets are inscribed POSTAGE; at the bottom is a solid tablet containing the rose, shamrock and thistle, on either side of which, at left, there is the word SIX, and at right, PENCE, in coloured capitals; the design measures 27 mm. in height and 24 mm. in width. It was struck in varying shades of violet.

Owing to the large employment of this value in stamping telegram forms, no less than eighteen dies were prepared; their use on envelopes and other postal stationery was small. All these dies were numbered on the base of the bust and were exclusively used at Somerset House, although books of twenty telegram forms stamped with these dies were on sale at the price of 10sh 2d per book at post offices through-

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French on Canada's Stamps—A press despatch from Ottawa says that inasmuch as under the Canadian constitution, French as well as English is the official language, a movement is largely supported to have the postage stamps of Canada printed in both English and French, instead of English only as has been the custom. At different times in the past, the French in Canada have expressed their opinion that French should have its place on the stamps but no sustained or concerted agitation was instituted to attain this end, it seems. Now, however, during the present era of good-feeling between the English and French in Canada, there should be a strong likelihood that the wish of the French people will be respected. The maple leaf issue of Canada, 1897, was retired and succeeded by the numeral issue because there was no denomination expressed in number on the stamps.

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A Stamp "Collector"—A Denver telegram says that a former postal clerk there removed "stamps from old envelopes which lead him to substitute old stamps on letters and packages passing through the mails for those uncanceled." The cause of the culprit's downfall is alleged to have been a fondness for collecting stamps "acquired in early youth." The offender was fined twenty-five dollars on two counts and was forced to make restitution to the government to the amount of one hundred dollars to cover his peculations. Those who collected stamps in the seventies, for instance, have lively recollections of the disappointments following the receipt of foreign letters, eagerly anticipated, which had been denuded of their stamps. For a time, foreign stamps were boldly appropriated by stamp collectors in the postal service but when complaints against the practice began to multiply, one stamp perhaps of several was taken and in other cases, ordinary United States stamps were used to replace the foreign stamps that had been abstracted. As the years advanced and disciplinary measures were enforced by the government to correct the abuse the thefts by philatelic postal clerks diminished in frequency. Latterly only rarely are the foreign stamps intentionally removed from one's mail.

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Heavy Postage—A number of correspondents have sent us a clipping from the Portland *Oregonian* telling of a mail parcel that required postage to the amount of $40.82 that was despatched from Seattle, Washington, to Melbourne, Victoria. The bundle was "encased in a wooden frame five feet long by five feet wide and several inches thick. . . . Forty stamps each of the one dollar denomination and several minor stamps, representing a cost of $40.82 were required to pay postage on the package going as first-class mail. The total weight is 82 pounds." It is believed that a large painting was the contents of the crate. At the postal union rate of fifty cents a pound for foreign first-class matter, to which no limit of weight applies, the cost on 82 pounds would be $41, and allowing for registration, the package weighed 82 pounds approximately, according to the postage. The superintendent of mails of the Seattle office is right doubtlessly, in saying that it "probably was the largest single piece of mail ever handled" at his office. Some years ago, packages of bonds and securities sent from Chicago and New York to the financial centers of England and from there to this country required heavy postage and added five dollar denominations in blocks for instance and pound values of English stamps to the collecting supply. At the rate of five cents a half-ounce, postage mounted up rapidly but registered mail of the kind received favorable consideration from the insurance companies.

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Old Plate-Numbers—Mr. Lloyd A. Wilsey, Winona, Minn., writes: "I have in my collection a certain plate of the 1-cent blue, 1895, number 455. At the same time in my collection, the plates of the 1-cent green of 1898 run back as far as 439. Was the old ink used on the new plates when the new color was ordered? At the same time, I have the 10-cent, plate numbers 303 and 305 in two different shades, Scott No. 273 and 283a, the first green and the second brown. Is this case one similar to the first? Can you recommend any publication taking up these minor points of history with respect to these plates, the bureau issues?" Referring to the fourth edition, January, 1899, of Bartel's reference list of plate-numbers, we find the plates in the colors and numbered as our correspondent says. The first 1-cent green plate was 439 but there is plate 439 as well of the 1-cent blue. A half-dozen or so of the plates of this period were used in printing both the 1-cent blue and the 1-cent green on different runs; and the same circumstances apply to the 10-cent in green and in brown, respectively. Other than the Bartels and the J. W. Scott plate-number catalogues we know of nothing in the nature of publications that would be helpful but the stamp papers of that time gave much attention to plate-numbers and printed many items that could be pieced together to afford consecutive reading.

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U. S. Cancellations—The interest in cancellations on early United States stamps is growing steadily and there are indications that a few collectors are giving freely of their time and money to this subject which embodies so many fascinations. Inquiries come asking of the significance of a wide variety of markings and it becomes a conviction that there is much to be studied about them before definite information can be recorded. In this connection, a reader is informed that domestic letters still are marked "steamboat" according to governmental regulations when conveyed by boat of the kind; and in former days, the stamp itself was sometimes canceled by die with the word, sometimes abbreviated to "steam."

NEW REVOLUTION IN ECUADOR.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6th.—Dispatches have been received at the State Department from Ecuador, indicating that another revolutionary movement has been inaugurated in that country and that the troops at Guayaquil have proclaimed General Montero supreme chief of that Republic.

The troops participating in the movement have conferred this title upon the General provisionally, pending the arrival of Flavio Alfaro, a nephew of the late President, Elroy Alfaro, who, according to the present plans of the military, will be made President of Ecuador. Flavio Alfaro was reported to have left Panama a few days ago for Ecuador.

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DEATH OF WM. J. GARDNER.

H. W. Doscher & Co. informs us of the death of Wm. J. Gardner of San Francisco, the sad event occurring Sunday, December 24.

Mr. Gardner was very well known in philatelic circles, having been a collector for many years. His membership in the American Philatelic Society dates back to its earliest days. He at one time possessed a very fine collection of British North American stamps which he disposed of to Henry J. Crocker. Lately he has been specializing in China, Japan and Hong Kong.

Mr. Gardner leaves a widow and a wide circle of acquaintances to mourn his loss.

SPRINGFIELD EXHIBIT IN BOSTON.

The members of the Boston Philatelic Society are to have a rare treat on Tuesday evening, January 16, when a representative of the Springfield Stamp Club will visit the Boston society and exhibit the "sidelines" for which the members of the Springfield Club are so well known.

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NEWS GLEANINGS.

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—Automatic machines for selling postage stamps are now extensively used in German postoffices, and have effected a considerable saving in the postal administration, although convenience to the public was the prime motive for their introduction. Nearly 50,000,000 stamps were supplied by the machines during the past year, their value aggregating about $750,000.—Clipping from F. C. DePuy.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from Hugo Kuenstter (7), Jno. F. Hinson, J. H. Foster, Arthur W. Line, F. C. DePuy (3), W. C. Bartlett, Ben Delovage, Herman W. Boers (2) and R. E. Jessop (2).

—Chas. H. Jumper of Detroit, Mich., was a recent caller at the Weekly office.

—"Borely is a nuisance. No matter when you meet him he wants to talk about his stamp collection."

"Don't blame him for that, my boy. As a rule stamps are things which are naturally on the tip of everyone's tongue."—*Baltimore American.*

—The latest country to try an aerial postage service is Italy. The Italian aeronaut Dal Mistro recently carried a sack of mail between the Bologna and Venice postoffices in a Deperdussin monoplane, covering the distance of 101 miles in 1 hour and 28 minutes.—Clipping from F. C. DePuy.

—Bert J. Turner of the *Hobbyist*, submitting specimens of the new Canada stamps, writes:—"The 1 and 2 cent values only on sale so far. They were issued with the new year, and will remain in use one month and permanently after old series used up in various offices. Other values to be issued are of same denominations and colors as the Edward set."

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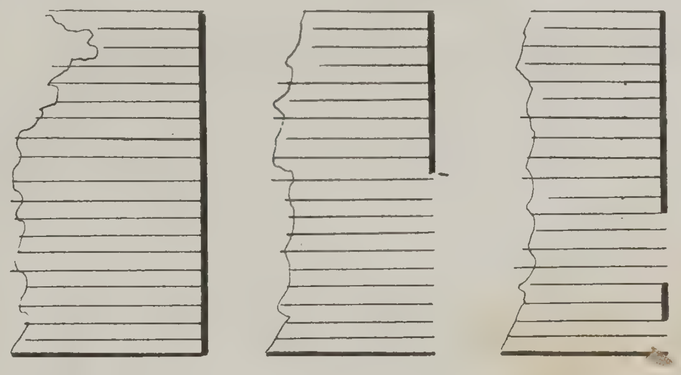

TYPES OF THE 2c COLUMBIAN.

Singularly enough we have received two communications dealing with four types of the 2c Columbian. We are indebted to G. A. Hunt for a detailed description, also for the sketch illustrating three of the four types. Mr. Hunt's article follows:—

"The circular of a New York house calls to collectors' attention three types of the 2c U. S. Columbian 1893 issue. Few collectors know of these three but as a matter of fact there are four types, and a number of years ago they were called to my attention. I will endeavor to describe all four types for the benefit of Weekly readers and in the order of their scarcity.

Type I.—Normal.—The lower right hand vertical corner line is complete and connects with all the lower horizontal lines running from the title or inscription at bottom of stamp.

Type II.—The lower right hand vertical corner line is broken at the 10th horizontal shade line, the lower ten horizontal shade lines being devoid of an outer line.

Type III.—The lower right hand vertical corner line is twice broken, first at the 12th horizontal line. The 13th, 14th and 15th horizontal lines are devoid of an outer line, the 16th and 17th lines have the outer line continued, the 18, 19 and 20th horizontal lines are then without the outer line, (see cut).

Type IV.—Type 4, by far the rarest type, has a cap over the numeral "2" similar to the 2c 1890 capped 2, with which every collector is familiar.

While all these types are interesting minor varieties and not as yet catalogued it would be a wise thing to have a set of the four types as an interesting side line. Remember it took nearly sixty years for the cataloguers to recognize the two types of the 10c 1855 issue."

Our other correspondent, Robert F. Chambers, of Providence, R. I., sends in the following information in relation to the comparative scarcity of the varieties:

"I thought it might interest the readers of the Weekly to know the comparative scarcity of the 2c Columbian variety that was chronicled a month or so ago. I refer to the one with the lower right hand corner unfinished. On looking over 374 2c Columbians I found 70 of the unfinished die; 12 of a broken frame and 1 with the 2c capped as in the 1890 issue. This would make the first variety just about four times as rare as the ordinary type while the capped "2" is well worth looking for."

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115	"	6c blue	"	.75	"	.28
116	"	10c yellow	"	.85	"	.32
117	"	12c green	"	.75	"	.28
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We note from the catalog no less than fifty-eight frame numbers, the exhibits covering a very wide range of philatelic subjects. Mr. Ackermann's collection of Canal Zone, which secured the silver medal at the Vienna Exposition last year, is accorded first place, sixteen frames being devoted to the exhibit. Mr. Sterling will show his lock seals and tax paids. Fourteen different members of the society are numbered amongst the exhibitors, making a very creditable showing for the society.

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CHRONICLE OF NEW ISSUES AND VARIETIES

Edited by HENRY A. KIDDER.

Any information regarding new issues will be gratefully received and acknowledged. Address HENRY A. KIDDER, 17 Addison St., Arlington, Mass. Letters calling for a reply should contain a self-addressed, stamped envelope. We cannot give applicants the addresses of our correspondents. Correspondence regarding precancelled stamps must be sent to FRANK B. ELDREDGE, Attleboro, Mass., when due credit will be given in this department.

UNITED STATES.—Arthur R. Bardsley reports the following plate numbers on the new registration stamps: Bottom plate numbers 5720, 5723, 5726 and 5729, obtained at Atlantic City; top plate numbers 5729, obtained at Pittsburg.

Arthur W. Line inquires why the United States persistently ignores the rule of the Union Postal Union, in the color of its postal cards.

Under the authority of the Postmaster General, many post offices precancelled the values from 1c to 15c for office use during the Christmas rush. Fred G. Ward reports such action at Springfield, Shelburne Falls, and Northampton, Mass. LeRoy Pratt reports similar action at Tacoma, Wash. One sheet of the 2c Lincolns was also precancelled at Tacoma, with the others. Mr. Eldredge reports the following errors on the Tacoma precancels: Two widths between bars one 12 and the other 14 mm. The only inverted was the 1c, the only doubles were the 2c and 3c, there was half of a sheet of the 2c, printed without bars.

Forest A. Black sends a long list of stamps precancelled for the Christmas rush but details are lacking. Mr. Eldredge writes: If correspondents will send the stamps that they wish mentioned, it will make the work of the compiler a great deal easier, and also save some disappointments in not seeing them listed. Always send a stamped envelope with correspondence if it is desired to have the samples returned.

Elmer Tolpelmann shows us a 7c permit of Chicago, No. 301, which has been overlaid with 3c and 4c stamps to prepay postage.

The following new Precancells noted since last issue, have been reported by Thomas C. Keyes, Frank B. Eldredge and Henry McConnell:

Brockton, Mass., 4c 1911; normal; type I.
Springfield, Mass., 8c 1911; normal; type II.
Cleveland, Ohio, 1c 1911; normal; type IV.
Providence, R. I., 4c 1911; normal; type V.
Cleveland, Ohio, 3c 1911; inverted; type III.
New Bedford, Mass., 8c 1911, normal; type I.
Augusta, Me., 1c 1911; reading down; type II.
Providence, R. I., 3c 1911; normal; type IV.
St. Johnsbury, Vt., 1c 1911; normal; type II.
St. Johnsbury, Vt., 2c 1911; normal; type II.
St. Johnsbury, Vt., 3c 1911; normal; type II.
St. Johnsbury, Vt., 4c 1911; normal; type II.
St. Johnsbury, Vt., 5c 1911; normal; type II.
St. Johnsbury, Vt., 6c 1911; normal; type II.
St. Johnsbury, Vt., 8c 1911; normal; type II.
St. Johnsbury, Vt., 10c 1911; normal; type II.
St. Johnsbury, Vt., 15c 1911; normal; type II.
Minneapolis, Minn., 2c 1911; normal; type V.
Racine, Wis., 1c 1911; normal; type VI.
Racine, Wis., 1c 1911; inverted; type VI.
Bedford City, Va., 6c 1911; normal; type I.

BOLIVIA.—M. D. Senior has shown us a used specimen of the 5c on 2c green, chronicled in No. 1087.

CANADA.—In connection with the new King George stamps chronicled in No. 1097, the following official circular, kindly furnished by J. D. Cox, will be of interest:

"*Circular to Postmasters.*

KING GEORGE V POSTAGE STAMPS.

Postmasters are hereby informed that arrangements for a new issue of postage stamps bearing the portrait of His Majesty King George V have been authorized, and that they will be supplied with the same for sale in the usual way to the public on and after the 1st January, 1912.

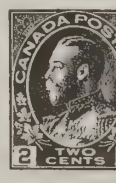
The colours and denominations of the forthcoming series will be the same, respectively, as those of the current series.

Postmasters will please bear in mind that *they are not to return to the department any of the present stamps on hand,* but will sell them in the ordinary way, and that after the new stamps will have been in course of issue for, say, a month, the issue of the old stamps will be resumed, in order to exhaust the balance of them in the Department, after which the issue of the new stamps will be taken up again and go on without interruption. As it is possible that only the denominations in greatest and general demand (the 1c and the 2c) will be ready for issue on the date above mentioned, requisitions for a short interval may, at first, be filled partly in the new series and partly in the old.

A change in the design of the stamp used in the current postal stationery (post cards, stamped envelopes, &c.,) to correspond with the new series of postage stamps, will be made so soon as the present stock of postal stationery shall have been exhausted.

LOUIS P. PELLETIER,
Postmaster General.
Post Office Department, Canada,
OTTAWA, November, 1911."

Herewith we present an illustration of the new King George set. Without doubt, this set will prove a very popular one.



We are indebted to Frank W. Lynes and Clarence Weher for specimens of the new issue.

We are also indebted to Charles Bailey for specimens of the King George 1c and 2c stamps. They were issued at Toronto, Jan. 1, 1912, and it was expected that the higher values would follow immediately.

Frank M. Mason has also favored us with the new 1c and 2c stamps.

GREAT BRITAIN.—Arthur W. Line has shown us the recently issued "thin white" letter card, but with the portrait of King George. The stamp and coat of arms are the same as those on the King George ½d post card, the only difference being in value and color.

Mr. Line also sends us new perforations on current King Edward stamps 2d, 4d and 9d, perforated 14x14½; 3d perforated 15x14½. Mr. Line says he is disgusted with recent minor varieties of Great Britain, and apparently he is not alone in this opinion.

Letter Card.

Portrait of King George.
1d carmine on white.

W. H. Peckitt has shown us the ½d and 4d King Edward stamps, perforated 15x14.

Offices in the Levant.—W. H. Peckitt has shown us 1½d and 4d, Harrison print, surcharged with new values in Turkish money.

Adhesives.

"1 Piastre" on 2½ ultramarine.
"30 Paras" on 1½d lilac and green.
"1¾ Piastres" on 4d orange.

INDIA.—W. H. Peckitt and W. T. Wilson have shown us the 2a and 3a values in the new King George set. Evidently there is to be no sameness in the set, as each value has a different arrangement of figures of value, the shape of the frame and the ornaments in the corners.

Mr. Wilson has shown us the three values postmarked at Delhi on the day of issue, the 2a and 3a with monogram in circular postmark and the same values with the monogram and straight line postmark made by the electric postmarker.

Adhesives.

2a lilac.
3a orange.

ICELAND.—W. T. Wilson and the New England Stamp Co. have shown us several new values of the John Sigurdsson commemorative set, the 4a value of which was chronicled in No. 1072. The new values are identical in design with the one already chronicled.

Adhesives.

1e yellow green.
3a yellow brown.
6a gray.
15a purple.
25a orange.

KELANTAN.—Mr. Schachne sends another issue from a new locality which looks like those noted last week for Trengganu except the stamp. This has what we suppose are the state arms occupying the center rectangle—numerals of value are on blocks in each lower corner with "Kelantan Postage & Revenue" (in two lines) between. The only native characters on the cards are on the other three sides of the stamp and are identical on both cards though he values are different.

Post Cards.

1c green on buff; 122x75 mm.
3c red on buff; 141x90 mm.

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BRITISH SOLOMON IS., Imperf. proofs of the first set in the issued colours 7 values, per set	.18
JAMAICA, 4d orange on yellow	.12
LEVANT, 30 paras, Harrison printing	.06
" 1 piastre on 2½d, perf. 15x14	.06
MACAU, ½a-16a ... set	.54
" ½a-78a ... complete set	3.00
BRITISH HONDURAS, 25c black on green	.30
ST. HELENA, 4d black on orange, (plain paper)	.14
" 6d lilac	.18
INHAMBANE, 2½r-100r overprinted "Republica" ... set	.54
" 2½r-700r " " ... complete set	3.00
FRENCH MOROCCO, new overprint 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 35, 50c, set of 9	.40
SWEDEN, 20 ore blue	.08
" 30 ore brown	.10
" 2 ore orange, watermarked	.02
GERMAN EMPIRE, 3M watermarked	.90
LOURENZO MARQUES, overprinted "Republica", 2½-100r ... set	.54
" " 2½r-700r, complete set	3.00
MONTSERRAT, ½d blue green	.02
SOUTHERN NIGERIA, ½d blue green	.02
AZORES, Vasco de Gama etc. overprinted 2½-1000r ... complete set	3.00
" "Assistencia" " 10r	.02
" " " 20r	.04
ITALY, 15c re-engraved	.06
PORTUGUESE INDIA, "Republica" 1r on 2r divided vertically	.06

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NICARAGUA.—Hermann Focke sends us a very interesting error recently discovered in 5c value of the stamps surcharged on the back of the 2c railroad stamps. The fiscal surcharge, "Timbre Fiscal—Vale 5 ctvs" occurs on both sides of the stamps, in both cases reading down. Mr. Focke has shown us a vertical pair used. This is evidently a great rarity, and of priceless value to a specialist in Nicaragua stamps.

PORTUGUESE INDIA.—Some time since we chronicled the 2r of this colony surcharged "Republica" and perforated diagonally, each half being surcharged with a new value. Whitfield King & Co. have now shown us a similar stamp, the 2r surcharged "Republica" having been separated into two halves by a vertical line of perforations, and each half surcharged "1—Real" in two lines. As the line of perforation runs through the old value, it has not been obliterated.

Provisional Adhesive.
"1 Real" on half of 2r orange.

ST. HELENA.—W. H. Peckitt has shown us the 4d and 6d values, in the reissue on plain paper. The 4d is in new colors.

Adhesive.
4d black and red on yellow.

SALVADOR.—The E. B. Cookson Co. has shown us a cover with the new 5c and 12c officials, noted some time since.

M. D. Senior has shown us the 1c and 13c of the "Palace" type, in the new colors chronicled some time since.

ZAMBEZIA.—Whitfield King & Co. inform us that the stamps of Zambezia have now been issued, with surcharge "Republica." This completes the list of colonies which have received the surcharge.

OUR SOUDAN PREMIUM.

We thought we had a good supply of this premium but we little dreamed of the demand we should create by advertising it in the WEEKLY. No less than *fourteen* disappeared in one day, last Monday. We shall locate a further supply of this fine Soudan cover and fill all orders as soon as possible.

THE UNITED STAMP COMPANY HERALD.

Volume 1, Number 1 of the United Stamp Company Herald has been received, and is one of the best if not the best of the so-called "house organs". Originally intended to be eight pages, it has been increased to twelve and in this number is begun the reprinting of Coster's "U. S. Locals." Though printed many years ago, this book has achieved a secure reputation in philatelic literature. We bespeak for the *Herald* a warm welcome and feel sure that it will be well patronized.

King Edward VII Envelope, Wrapper, and Post-Card Stamps of Gt. Britain.

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out the country. Dies 1 to 13 inclusive have been brought into use up to the time of writing. Dies 1 to 12 were registered on February 18, 1902, and must have been employed before, or directly after, that date, as copies of die 1 are known used on February 23rd, 1902; dies 13 to 18 were registered on December 30th, 1907; die 10 was registered (? in black) as early as December 21st, 1901.

The Ten Pence.—The 10d value was the last of the series to be brought into use, the earliest known date of use being October 2nd, 1903. The design shews the usual profile to left within an octagonal network frame, at the top of which is a crown, and the lower part of which is inscribed POSTAGE TEN PENCE in solid capitals; it measures 26 mm. in height by 23 mm. in width, and was struck in red-brown.

Although this stamp is inscribed POSTAGE, it is not, strictly speaking, a postage stamp at all, as from January 18th, 1902, this value could not be impressed upon postal stationery, being exclusively reserved for stamping foreign and colonial telegram forms. As the above date is prior to that of the issue of the King Edward 10d, the stamp in question has never served a postal purpose. The following official notice on this point was posted up at Somerset House:—

> "18th January, 1902.—From this date the use of 10d Postage Die will be discontinued. By Order."

Three dies all numbered on the base of the bust were prepared and registered on March 16th, 1903, a die-proof in black having been registered on February 2nd, 1903; only die 1 has been brought into use. The stamp is only obtainable on yellow paper, as that is the colour of the paper on which the foreign and colonial telegram forms are printed.

The One Shilling.—The highest value envelope stamp is the 1s, which appeared late in September, 1903. The design, which is the most original of the series, the others being copies of the Victorian designs, shews the usual bust to left in a shield surmounted by a crown; conforming to the lower part of the shield is a semi-circular tablet inscribed POSTAGE ONE SHILLING, from the extremities of which the rose, shamrock and thistle emerge; all this is within a single-lined octagon, the spaces being filled in with slight ornamentation. The stamp measures 26 mm. in height and 23 mm. in width. It was struck in a light shade of yellow-green.

In the case of this denomination also three dies, all numbered on the base of the bust were prepared and registered on March 9th, 1903, a die-proof in black having been registered on January 26th, 1903. Only die 1 has been brought into use, and was only employed at Somerset House for stamping private stationery.

Issue of 1904.—The colour of the ½d adhesive stamp was changed in November, 1904, from dark green to pale green in consequence of the difficulty of distinguishing the ½d and 2½d in artificial light. The colour of the ½d envelope stamp was also similarly changed, no doubt in order to conform to the adhesive of the same value, as there could be no question of confusion with other envelope stamps. The ½d envelope stamp was registered in the new colour on September 13th, 1904, and was issued to the public in December, 1904.

Several of the dies, which were used for the issue in dark green, were also employed for this issue. Of course it is impossible to say which of the "B.R." dies were struck in yellow-green. Another batch of dies (all numbered) was registered after the change of colour, dies 67 to 76 being registered on February 24th, 1909. Dies 45 to 48, 50 to 74, are known to have been brought into use.

Issue of 1907.—From October 1st, 1907, the colour of the 1½d envelope stamp was changed from orange-yellow to purple. This change was apparently announced by an official notice, which we have been unable to trace. The FIFTY-FOURTH REPORT OF THE POSTMASTER-GENERAL ON THE POST OFFICE, dated September 8th, 1908, makes the following reference to this issue, giving the reasons for the alteration:—

> "POSTAGE STAMPS.—The colour of the 1½d embossed postage stamp was changed in October last from yellow to purple, as some difficulty had been experienced in distinguishing the yellow stamps in artificial light."

Die 1 was in use at the date of the change of colour, and continued to be employed. Die 2 was brought into use in June, 1908.

(To be continued.)

AT THE END OF THE RAINBOW.

By FRED MICHAEL.

Ours is a very pretty rainbow of wondrous colors that attract, fascinate, and at its end waits a pot of gold.

A collection of stamps means the investment of a large sum of money and it is proper and right to consider its financial cost, its prospective returns. 'Tis not wrong midst our pleasures to ask their cost.

But beware lest the colors of your rainbow fade in the glare of the gold. The pot seems very near "but over the hill" and many with brave hearts have started on its quest to find disappointment. Beware! Admire the reds and blues of your stamps, learn their lessons, read their stories. Someday you may find the gold at your feet.

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BOSTON, MASS., Jan. 13, 1912.

The 262nd (regular) meeting will be held at the Club Room on Tuesday evening, Jan. 16, at 7.30 o'clock. This is the Annual Meeting and the following nominations for officers have been made:—Pres., C. K. B. Nevin; Vice Pres., F. Hutchins; Sec., C. A. Howes; Int. Sec.; Philip Wolff; Treas., J. B. B. Smith, Supt. Sales, P. Kimball, 2nd; Supt. Auctions, J. H. Lyons; Supt. Bourse, A. W. Dunning; Library Com., C. K. B. Nevin, C. A. Howes, E. M. Carpenter; Governing Board, J. H. Lyons, C. H. Stone, W. O. Wylie, E. M. Carpenter, F. W. Stiles, G. C. Russell, E. F. Sawyer, C. R. Lewis, F. A. Dodge.

The following applications for membership will come up for action:—Alexander Godfrey. George S. Chapman.

The Entertainment will consist of an exhibition of some of the famous "Side Lines of Philately" for which our brothers of the Springfield Stamp Club are noted. This will be in charge of Mr. John W. Prevost, who will tell us something of the Tax-paids, Tin-foils, Lock-seals, etc., etc., which will doubtless be here. As many of our members already know, this is a treat and should not be missed. We bespeak a large attendance on this occasion.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Dues received since last report, none.

The balance in the Secretary's hands is remitted to the Treasurer.

The following names have been placed in nomination:—

For President, S. Schachne.
" Vice President, W. C. Stone.
" Secretary, S. M. Edwards.
" Treasurer, J. N. Morse.
" Executive Committee, F. A. Knoll, H. E. Carpenter, Jr. and J. H. Fountain.

Ballots will be sent to all. If any change of address is desired, kindly make note of it.

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WITH THE BOY PHILATELIST.

Edited by BERTRAM W. H. POOLE, Box 231, Altadena, Calif.

We propose to insert upon this page matter that will be of interest to the boy collector. Some two thousand boys are now on our mailing list and it is our desire to come closely in contact with them in such a manner as will be most helpful. Any information desired will be cheerfully rendered through these columns. Do not submit stamps for examination.

MADAGASCAR.

The French Colonial Issues.

In the two previous issues of the WEEKLY I have described the stamps issued in connection with the two British posts established in the island of Madagascar and to complete the philatelic history of the territory we have now to consider the stamps issued under French authority.

To begin at the beginning it should be stated that though the first European to see the island was a Portuguese—Ferman Soares, who sighted it in 1506—the first settlements were made by the Dutch. These did not last long and the next European nation to attempt to colonise the island was France. A settlement or Colonial station was established on the east coast in 1662 under the protection of Richelieu. Then for nearly two centuries the French made vain but persistent attempts to establish military posts on the east coast and finally they claimed the island as French—a claim to which the Malagasy people hardly agreed. In 1883 active steps were taken to secure control of the island by France. An invading army after some resistance entered the capital and in 1885 Madagascar was proclaimed a French Protectorate.

Evidently no attempt was made at establishing an inland postal service and so far as the ports were concerned the public had the option of using either the French or English mail as the protectorate was not officially recognised by the British Government until 1890. The stamps used at the French offices at this period were evidently those of the general French Colonial series of the "Commerce" type. The first distinctively Malagasy stamps did not appear until 1889—two years after the British Consular Mail had been suppressed. These took the form of provisional 5c and 25c labels. The 10c and 25c stamps of the then current colonial series were overprinted "05" and the 40c was surcharged "25". Why 25c stamps should have been reduced in value only to make a 25c provisional necessary is a mystery. No name appeared on these labels and the overprinted values are the only distinguishing marks by which they can be apportioned to Madagascar. In April, May and June, 1891 several 5c and 15c provisional labels were made in the same way. The 40c was surcharged "05", the 10c and 25c were surcharged "5", and the 25c was also surcharged "15". Evidently towards the end of June, 1891, the stock of the ordinary postage stamps was completely exhausted and on the 29th of that month a set of type-set provisionals were issued. The values and colors were:—

5c	black on green.
10c	black on blue.
15c	blue on blue.
25c	brown on buff.
1fr	black on yellow.
5fr	lilac and black on lilac.

The design consisted of a rectangular frame of ornaments; in the centre were large numerals, to denote the value, with dotted lines above and below. At the bottom of the central portion was the name "MADAGASCAR," while at the top was the inscription "Postes Francaises." The stamps were imperforate and the printing plate for each value contained ten varieties. Evidently one plate served for all values with the necessary alteration of the numerals in the centre.

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The protectorate formed by the French in 1885 was never acknowledged by the Malagasy government and after considerable friction the French sent another armed expedition to the island in 1895. The French troops entered the capital, Antananarivo, in September with the result that the British Inland Mail was suppressed. Queen Ranavalona III was forced to confirm the treaty of 1885 and in 1896 the territory was proclaimed a French Colony. In the following year the Queen was deposed and exiled as her presence on the island was hardly conducive to peace. In 1896, shortly after the island had been formally annexed to France, Madagascar was chosen as the headquarters of an administrative area known as Madagascar and Dependencies. The dependencies consisted of Diego-Suarez, Nosse-Bé, and Sainte Marie, all of which had up to that time issued their own distinctive stamps. These special issues were discontinued in favor of a general set inscribed "Madagascar et Dependances." These stamps were all of the same design, similar to that used in so many other French Colonies, which was known officially as the "Commerce" and Navigation" type. The values and colors were as follows:—

1c	black on azure.
2c	brown on buff.
4c	purple brown on grey.
5c	green on pale green.
10c	black on lilac.
15c	blue.
20c	red on green.
25c	black on rose.
30c	cinnamon on drab.
40c	red on yellow.
50c	carmine on rose.
75c	brown on orange.
1fr	olive green on toned.

The 1 franc comes in two varieties—with either red or blue name at base—both being of equal value. In 1899 a 5 francs stamp was added to the set the color of this being mauve on pale lilac.

In 1900 the 10c, 15c, 25c, and 50c were issued in rose-red, grey, blue, and brown on azure respectively and in 1902 the color of the 5c was changed to pale yellow green, these changes all corresponding to similar changes in the stamps of other colonies.

On June 2nd, 1902, some of the 50c in the old colors, the 5fr and 1fr were utilized in the formation of provisional 5c, 10c, and 15c labels. The surcharge in each case consisted of large numerals with a bar below. In the following month there was a further crop of provisionals viz:—"0,01" on 2c, "0,05" on 30c, "0,10" on 50c, "0,15" on 75c and "0,15" on 1fr. These all exist inverted and in addition there are numerous varieties caused by the misplacement of the comma and differences in the shape of the numerals. At the same time, either by accident or design, the 30c and 50c stamps of Diego-Suarez were overprinted "0,05" and "0,10" respectively.

(*To be concluded.*)

SHORT REPLIES.

B. F. J. (Elgin, Ill.)—Minor varieties of surcharge caused by broken type, such as those you mention, are of little interest and certainly of no extra value on account of the defects. (2) As the Gibraltar ½d was printed at two operations the color of the words of value frequently differs from that of the rest of the design. (3) Your Cuban stamp is the normal variety. (4) No, benzine is of no assistance in finding watermarks on stamps printed on chalk-surfaced paper.

SET OF OFFICIALS PROPOSED.

Britt Would Use Stamps Instead of Franking Privilege.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—Adequate postage rates are discussed in the annual report of Third Assistant Postmaster-General James J. Britt, made public today. Mr. Britt recommends a flat increase of 1 cent a pound for newspapers and periodicals. He also recommends that postage stamps be issued to United States senators, representatives and executive officials of the government, instead of permitting the use of the congressional frank and penalty envelope, as at present.

The report shows that at the close of the last fiscal year 27,864 newspapers and magazines were admitted to second class mail privileges. It is pointed out that good feeling and co-operation now exist between the department and publishers due to the removal of many burdensome requirements, the effect being to relieve the department of unnecessary work and the publishers of much annoyance.

Postage stamps to the number of 12,775,000,000 were sold last year, the receipts for which amounted to $226,469,000. More than 85,000,000 money orders, aggregating $687,715,644, were issued and paid during the year, at a loss of less than $2,000 through errors. Recommendation is made that authority be given to the postmaster-general to fix fees for the issuance of domestic money orders, no fee to be less than 5 cents or more than 25 cents.

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British New Guinea
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Cape Wood Blocks by M. P. Castle.
Corrientes, Postage Stamps of
Crete, Postal Emissions of
France, Postal Issues from 1900
German Empire Private Locals
Gt. Britain Stamps Used Abroad
Hamburg
Hawaii, 5c and 13c Re-Issues, 1853 type
Hawaii, 1899 5c and 13c and Mss. 5c on 13c
Jamaica, Among the Llandoveries
Mauritius, 1848-59 Locally Eng. and Litho.
Mauritius, 20th Century
Morocco Foreign and Private Posts
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New Zealand—First Issue.
Niger Coast Protectorate
Niue, Stamps of
Nyassa
Prussia—King Frederick William IV Issues.
Samoa "Express" Issue.
Scandinavia, Local Stamps of
Schleswig-Holstein, Postage Stamps of
St. Helena, The Stamps of
Sicily Retouches, Notes on
Sicily, Stamps of
Sierra Leone—Its Postal Issues
Soudan's Postal Issues
Switzerland, Revenue Stamps of
Tobago, Stamps of
Uruguay. Diligencia Issues of
Uruguay, by C. A. Howes
U. S. Encased Postage Stamps
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U. S. Lincoln on Our Postage Stamps
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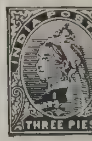

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	20c gray, No. 25	.02
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	25c orange brown, No. 28	.04
	1p brown and black, No. 29	.10
1894	1c and 2c, pair	.01
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	2c brown rose, No. 34	.01
	5c dark blue, No. 35	.01
	10c violet, No. 36	.03
	50c brown, No. 38	.07
	5c on 30c rose carmine, No. 39	.04
1901	30c orange, No. 40	.12
1902	1c green, No. 41	.01
	2c carmine, No 42	.01
	5c ultramarine, No. 43	.01
	10c red and black, No. 43a	.03
	30c purple and black, No. 44	.04
1903	10c on 30c orange, No. 46	.05
	*1c on 20c ultramarine, No. 47	.03
	1c on 20c ultramarine, No. 47	.02
	2c yellow brown, No. 48	.03
	*3c on 1p brown, No. 50	.10
	5c red, No. 51	.03
	10c olive green, No. 52	.03
	12c on 5c red	.05
1905	1c, 2c and 5c, three for	.02
	3c brown, No. 56	.02
	10c gray and black, No. 58	.01
	20c orange brown and black, No. 61	.02
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The postage stamp is now serving its sixty-fifth year of public usefulness in this country, the first issue having been placed on sale July 1, 1847. The total number of stamps issued to the end of that fiscal year was 860,380. A comparison of the first year's issues with those of the fiscal years 1910 and 1911, given below, is of interest, although it should be explained that prepayment of postage did not become compulsory until 1856, so that the demand for postage stamps in the earlier years was not so great as it would otherwise have been.

Details of the issues of 1911 appear in the following table:

Postage stamps, stamp books, coiled stamps, stamped envelopes, newspaper wrappers and postal cards, by denominations issued during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1911.

Postage Stamps.	Ordinary.	Postage Due.
1-cent,	3,798,961,039	10,393,419
1-cent, in coils,	37,940,000	....
1c, in stamp books,	203,084,376	....
2-cent,	5,130,249,018	28,747,919
2-cent, in coils,	106,635,000	....
2-c, in stamp books,	312,601,032	....
3-cent,	68,871,439	601,889
3-cent, in coils,	223,500	....
4-cent,	96,049,509	....
4-cent, in coils,	161,000	....
5-cent,	119,640,739	1,972,299
5-cent, in coils,	100,500	....
6-cent,	40,583,609	....
8-cent,	31,197,039	....
10-cent,	82,263,539	6,076,169
13-cent,	603,244	....
15-cent,	16,093,089	....
30-cent.	....	6,179
50-cent,	697,787	1,657
1-dollar,	110,492	....
2-dollar,	131	....
5-dollar,	2,646	....
10c special delivery,	15,371,040	....
Total,	10,061,439,768	47,799,531
Value,	$180,957,385.76	$1,405,863.29

Stamp Books.

Denomination.	Number
Books of 24 1c stamps each,	8,461,849
Books of 12 2c stamps each,	13,092,898
Books of 24 2c stamps each,	3,844,724
Books of 48 2c stamps each,	1,316,935
Total,	26,716,406

Stamp Coils.

Denomination.	Number
Coils of 500 1c stamps, perforated,	28,713
Coils of 1,000 1c stamps, perforated,	3,923
Coils of 500 2c stamps, perforated,	66,493
Coils of 1,000 2c stamps, perforated,	9,147
Coils of 500 3c stamps, perforated,	150
Coils of 500 4c stamps, perforated,	128
Coils of 1,000 4c stamps, perforated,	30
Coils of 500 5c stamps, perforated,	1
Coils of 500 1c stamps, unperforated,	38,631
Coils of 1,000 1c stamps, unperforated,	345
Coils of 500 2c stamps, unperforated,	128,003
Coils of 1,000 2c stamps, unperforated,	240
Coils of 500 3c stamps, unperforated,	27
Coils of 500 4c stamps, unperforated,	134
Coils of 500 5c stamps, unperforated,	200
Total,	276,285

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" 24c brown	3.00	1.35
War 15c rose	.35	.11
" 24c rose	.35	.12
News 1875, 6c black	2.50	.88
" " 8c "	2.50	.88
" " 12c rose	2.50	.95
" " 24c rose	2.00	.78
" " 36c rose	2.50	.95
" 1895, 50c No. 1080	3.50	1.38
Due 1889, 5c red br	.50	.17
1894, 2c No. 251 (blocks)	.50	.18
1895, 2c No. 266 "	.50	.22

Br. North Americans.		Cat.	Ours
Canada	1868, 15c lilac	.35	.13
	1882, 2c green	.75	.25
"	" 6c brown	.50	.18
"	" 10c red	.75	.35
"	1892, 50c blue	.20	.07
"	1897, Jub. 8c violet	.30	.18
"	" " 50c blue	.50	.18
"	1898, 6c brown	.20	.08
"	" 10c brown	.12	.04
"	1901, 20c green	.20	.08
"	1902, 7c green	.12	.04
"	1903, 50c King	.15	.07
France	1900, 2frs	.10	.04
Japan	1906, 5y green	1.50	.68
	" 10y brown	3.50	1.68
Portugal	1910, 200r	..	.20
	1911, Rep. 200r	..	.15
"	" 300r	..	.25
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partment has issued postal savings cards and stamps, and official stamps and stamped envelopes, described as follows:

"*Postal savings card.*—This card was first printed in orange ink on stiff white cardboard of bluish tint, but a blue ink was subsequently used. The size of the card is 5⅝ by 3⅜ inches. At the top in large shaded capital letters appear the words 'U. S. Postal Savings Card,' and in plain gothic capitals the following:

" 'This card with nine 10-cent postal savings stamps affixed will be accepted by the postmaster at any postal savings depository office in the United States as a deposit of one dollar and placed to the credit of the depositor either opening an account or in adding to an existing account.'

"At the left is printed a stamp of 10-cent denomination, the design of which is identical with that of the 10-cent postal savings stamp, showing the words 'U. S. Postal Savings, 10 Cents' in white lettering upon a background of ornamental lathe work; the stamp being a rectangle 27/32 of an inch high by 23/32 of an inch wide. To the right of and below the imprinted stamp are nine spaces, arranged in two horizontal rows, for the affixing of adhesive stamps, the upper row of spaces being numbered from 1 to 4 and the lower row from 5 to 9, inclusive. Surrounding the whole is a frame of lathe work."

The card printed in orange was first placed on sale January 3, 1911; the blue card on August 14, 1911.

"*Postal savings stamp.*—The stamp is a rectangle on end, of design and size identical with those of the stamp printed upon the postal savings card. The color is blue. The words 'U. S. Postal Savings, 10 Cents' appear in white capital letters upon a background of lathe work."

This stamp was first placed on sale January 3, 1911:

"*Postal savings official stamps.*—1-cent purple, 2-cent black, 10-cent red, 50-cent green, 1-dollar blue. The stamp is a rectangle on end, of about the same size as an ordinary postage stamp. In the center is an ellipse containing the words 'Official Mail' in white letters, the background within the ellipse being lathe work. Outside of and following the curve of the ellipse are the words 'U. S. Postal Savings' in white letters. In each lower corner is a numeral expressing the denomination, and between these numerals the word 'Cents' (or 'Dollar') appears in white letters. In the corners at the top are small, triangular panels containing relief work.

"*Postal savings official stamped envelope.*—The embossed stamp is an ellipse on end. The color is red. In the center in plain gothic type appear the words 'Official Mail' in two horizontal lines. In the upper half of the border are the words 'U. S. Postal Savings,' and in the lower 'Two 2 Cents,' the numeral 2 being prominent."

By the Postmaster General's order, No. 5480, of May 8, 1911, this office was charged, beginning May 15, with the duty of issuing postal savings cards and and stamps and official stamps and stamped envelopes for correspondence relating to the postal savings system. These issues in the period from May 15 to June 30, 1911, were as follows:

Postal savings cards:—10-cent, 524,000; value $52,400.

Postal savings stamps:—10-cent, 4,560,000; vaue $456,000.

Postal savings official stamps:—1-cent, 23,000; 2-cent, 395,400; 10-cent, 126,800; 50-cent, 10,000; 1-dollar, 10,000; total value $35,818.

Postal savings official stamped envelopes:—2-cent, 591,000; value $11,820. Of these 99,000 were of the No. 7 size and 492,000 were No. 8.

New Postage-stamp Agreement.

The agreement with the Secretary of the Treasury for the production of adhesive postage stamps, which expired January 31, 1911, was renewed for the four-year period beginning February 1, 1911, at prices which will effect a saving estimated at more than $100,000 for the term of the agreement. This economy was made possible by the introduction of improved machinery and methods at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing.

Improvement of Postage Stamps.

The postage stamps of current issue, while possessing high artistic merit, have given considerable trouble to the public and to the postal service on account of the similarity of designs of the different denominations. All of the 11 stamps are of identical design, except that the 1-cent denomination bears the head of Franklin, while the others bear the portrait of Washington. There are not a sufficient number of distinctive colors for all the stamps, making it necessary above the 6-cent to use different shades of the same colors given the lower denominations. Thus the 1-cent and 8-cent are different shades of green; the 3-cent and 50-cent are different shades of purple; the 5-cent and 15-cent are different shades of blue. In the rapid handling of mail matter one denomination is very apt to be mistaken for another, particularly under artificial light. The first six stamps are of sufficiently contrasting colors, and to give more marked contrast to the remaining five, steps have been taken to print them with a different border design. This new border is simple, but artistic, and of a character which is economical as to wear of printing plates. Further, the first six stamps will bear the head of Washington, while the remaining five will bear the head of Franklin. The 1-cent and 2-cent stamps will also be altered to express the denomination in numerals instead of in words, thus conforming to the other stamps of the series. With these changes the stamps will combine utility with art and harmony, presenting the head of the first President on the first six denominations, and that of the first Postmaster General with a different border design, on the last five. The engravings and printing plates are now in course of preparation, and the new stamps will be issued in the current fiscal year.

During the year the department's supply of 13-cent stamps became exhausted, and the denomination was discontinued, its primary purpose, to prepay postage and registry fee on foreign mailings, having ceased to exist when the registry fee was increased to 10 cents.

Registry Stamp.

This new stamp, of 10-cent denomination, was originated by the Postmaster General to prepay registry fees. It is of special design, and will at once identify mail matter to which it is attached as registered and entitled to all the benefits and safeguards of the system. A description follows:

"The registry stamp is a rectangle on end; the size of the design is approximately three-fourths by seven-eighths inch; the color is light blue. The design shows an eagle with extended wings, perched upon a rock, within a circle set in a panel of plain lines. Above the circle and following its curve the words 'United States Registry' appear in two lines; and in the two lower corners the denomination

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Chile 1905, 12c lake and black, mint	.60
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Nicaragua No. 504, Cabo 4c olive	.50
" No. 515, Cabo 1c red violet	.25
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'10' appears within small circles, with the word 'Cents' between."

A supply of the new stamps has been printed, and was placed on sale in post offices December 1, 1911, in time for use in connection with holiday mailings.

COILED STAMPS.

The improved machinery for coiling postage stamps mentioned in last year's report has so reduced the cost that the Bureau of Engraving and Printing has been enabled to make a very substantial reduction in the coiling charge. A comparison of the present with former prices follows:

For Coils of	Former charge.	New charge.
500 stamps, perforated,	$0.0761	$0.03
500 stamps, unperforated,	.0547	.03
1,000 stamps, perforated,	.1122	.06
1,000 stamps, unperforated,	.0885	.06

This reduced cost will enable the department during the current year to decrease the charge to the public for coiled stamps, which will undoubtedly stimulate the demand for this very convenient form of issue. The coiled stamps are issued primarily for use in automatic vending and affixing machines. A number of such machines have been developed, and additional ones will doubtless be invented and marketed, as a broad field seems to exist for labor-saving devices of this kind. The department has been pleased to do what it could, by preparing stamps in coils, to facilitate the development and use of these appliances, but it has been compelled to deny many applications for coils in special forms different from the adopted standards. Obviously it is impracticable to keep on sale in post offices coils constructed to meet the special needs of many different venders and affixers; and if an exception were made in favor of one manufacturer, the demands of others for special construction could not consistently be denied. This office has therefore taken the position that vending and affixing devices requiring coiled stamps should be made to conform to the standards which have been adopted by the department. The standard coils as now furnished have 500 or 1,000 stamps, perforated or unperforated, arranged endwise or sidewise, as may be desired by users. From this it will be seen that a considerable variety is provided.

STAMP BOOKS.

That the public continues to appreciate this convenient form of carrying postage stamps is evidenced by the large increase in the demand during the past year, amounting to 10.98 per cent. over the issues of 1910. The stamp books are sold at 1 cent each above the value of stamps contained therein, and the revenue from this source on the books issued in 1911 aggregated $267,164.06. The cost of manufacture was $77,214.17, leaving $189,949.89 to defray cost of distribution.

NONPOSTAGE STAMPS.

The constantly increasing use of nonpostage stamps issued for philanthropic and advertising purposes has caused much embarrassment to the service in the handling of mail matter to which they have been attached. Many of these contained numerals or resembled postage stamps in color, shape, or design, and have been mistaken for such stamps by the public, and have required close examination on the part of postal employees to identify them, thus retarding the rapid handling of mail matter which is so essential to the highest efficiency of the service. For this reason the Postmaster General issued an order, No. 5620, of July 1, 1911, providing that nonpostage stamps shall not be affixed to the address side of mail matter, but that they may be affixed to the reverse side of domestic mail matter provided they do not in form and design resemble postage stamps and do not bear numerals.

STAMPED ENVELOPES.

The total number of stamped envelopes and newspaper wrappers issued to postmasters in the fiscal year 1911 was 1,690,775,385. Of these 1,195,937,245, or 70.73 per cent., bore printed return-cards, while 494,838,140, or 29.27 per cent, were unprinted.

The gross selling value of stamped envelopes and newspaper wrappers issued was $33,825,300.85, and their postage value was $31,558,438.45, leaving $2,266,862.40 to defray cost of manufacture and distribution. The contract cost was $1,429,023.36, leaving $837,839.04 for cost of distribution.

NEW STAMPED-ENVELOPE CONTRACT.

The contract of 1907 for the department's supply of stamped envelopes and newspaper wrappers expired on June 30, 1911, and a new contract was awarded to the Mercantile Corporation, of Dayton, Ohio, after bids had been advertised for, at a reduction in price which will effect an economy estimated at $300,000 for the four-year term. The specifications were so drawn as to call for separate bids upon the number of printed and of unprinted envelopes estimated to be needed, with a view of making a corresponding difference in the selling prices of the envelopes. The contractor's proposal, however, was only 1 cent per thousand more for printed than for unprinted envelopes, which strikingly evidences the great economy made possible by printing the return-card and embossing the stamp upon the envelope simultaneously, as is done in the stamped-envelope factory.

While this difference in the contract cost of printed and of unprinted envelopes is so small that it would not of itself materially affect the selling prices, a calculation of the saving made by reason of the extension of shipments of unprinted envelopes by freight instead of by registered mail indicates that these envelopes can be sold at considerably less than the prices charged for printed envelopes, which must continue to be shipped by mail. The calculations which have been made also indicate a number of changes in the selling prices of printed envelopes, some of which will be increased and others reduced to conform to existing costs of manufacture and distribution. While the department, as required by law, will receive the

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—Theodore Siddall, Manila, P. I., sends us a list of used Philippine postage stamps such as he has on sale at retail and wholesale. We have no hesitancy in giving Mr. Siddall this bit of complimentary mention when we consider the many courtesies that he has rendered our readers in the past.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from F. R. Gellerman, Ralph H. Graham (3), I. W. Risdon, Edw. P. A. Pifer.

—*The Canadian Philatelist* of Regina has not been issued for several months, and in a batch of clippings just at hand from Ralph H. Graham we find one which states that the paper has been sold to a Chicago journal.

—G. M. Williamson submits a block of six 1c green with plate No. 5799. He writes, "I had understood that all above No. 5718 were to have the head of Washington. This you will note has the head of Franklin and has the number 5799."

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EDITORIAL.

Worth Getting—The Stamps of Cook Islands, by Bertram W. H. Poole, has been published in pamphlet form by the Mekeel-Severn-Wylie Company as the first of a series of philatelic hand books. A book of twenty-four pages, about seven by twelve inches each, with all needed illustrations, embraces Mr. Poole's studies which are presented in the most edifying manner. The little book which is sold for twenty-five cents, is one that will fit comfortably in any philatelic library where it will justify its place as a work of reference; and to the one who collects the stamps of Cook Islands, it becomes indispensable. The philatelic hand book on the subject of the stamps of a single country has become a popular instructive factor during the later years; and the time will come when about all the countries of the world will be treated in this way.

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Still Stampless—There is a possibility of an untold number of Nicaraguan provisionals if a report that has been received is to be relied upon. The steamer that carried in its cargo the stamps of the new issue of Nicaragua duly called there but for some reason did not or was not allowed to deliver the new stamps that have been prepared in London. It is gathered that the reason for this failure was not due to any question of finances but to a dissension of some kind at Corinto. The boat proceeded on its way, without disembarking the stamps, probably to New Orleans as our information comes from that city.

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Bound to Come—We are for more local societies and fewer national organizations of stamp collectors; and consequently, it is gratifying to find that Mr. Kjellstedt's advocacy of the "linking up" of the national societies now playing at cross purposes is meeting with so much favorable acclaim. Really, the only obstacle to a consummation of the plan is the natural pride that officers and members may feel in their certain society and their reluctance, consequently, to lose the identity of the organization to whose success they have contributed by zealous work. Yet, it is almost certain that these persons would gracefully yield their position when once it is seen that the advantages of amalgamation are for the benefit of all philately. In the next issue, we shall discuss the opinions that have been received since Mr. Kjellstedt broached the plan in the WEEKLY.

NEW YORK COLLECTORS

Please remember that the stamps of our Eighth Auction Sale, comprising the Ketch Collection of unused stamps will be exhibited at the Collectors' Club, 14 Park Place, on Jan. 26th, 1912. Do not miss this opportunity to view the collection, as it includes a superb lot of 20th Century Stamps.

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Official Stamps—The annual report of the third assistant postmaster-general, James J. Britt, is not devoid of philatelic flavor. Mr. Britt has not relinquished his idea of special stamps for the use of members of congress and the "executive officials of the government" and of withdrawing the penalty envelopes and congressionally franked envelopes from use. He recommends that the official stamps be employed so that the volume of free matter passing through the mails may be more surely and accurately determined than at present; and it is anticipated that the special stamps will act as a check generally on franking abuses. There is no doubt but that the leakages that seemingly are inseparable from a liberal franking system are a matter of concern to the department that is so intent upon correcting wasteful methods and that has been so successful in eliminating sources of loss. Stamp collectors may know that an issue of some sort of official stamps is a growing possibility.

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Registry—Many months ago, a state convention of postmasters adopted a resolution urging that the department issue a registered envelope of heavy or linen-lined paper as many of the envelopes used by the public to enclose registered matter were of cheap, flimsy paper that afforded little protection to the contents. A paragraph in this paper told of the action of the convention. A letter from Washington gives the information that an issue of this kind may be forthcoming, although there is no evidence at present to justify a positive statement that the department has decided upon the step. The writer says further that one reason for the issue of the special registry stamp was that some large users would regard them as a check upon the "stamp drawer" as they are not available for general postage.

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At Trenton—It is assumed that the Fourth Anniversary Exhibit of postage and revenue stamps of the United States and foreign countries held by the Trenton Philatelic Society was a success as it was promoted under intelligent and influential patronage. The exhibition place seemed to be an ideal one, the Art Gallery of the School of Industrial Arts, Trenton, New Jersey, and the display was made from January 8th to 13th, 1912. According to the catalogue fifty-eight frames were hung and among the exhibitors were Senator Ernest R. Ackerman, who showed his specialized Canal Zone; Mr. E. B. Sterling, who displayed Lock Seals, in reconstructed plates, and Tax Paids; and Mr. Alvah G. Clark, who was represented by the later issues of United States, including revenues. About a dozen other members of the society loaned their stamps for exhibition purposes. That an exhibition of this kind is calculated to sow seeds of philatelic interest in the fertile minds of the public must be admitted; and in some respects, it is a factor more effective than the great exhibition with its vast ranges of stamp wealth. The local exhibition is the one that is apt to get closest to the average non-philatelic citizen of the home town.

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Twenty Years Ago—We are pleased to find that the Chicago *Post* has a proper appreciation of the importance of philately. Under the head of what happened in Chicago twenty years ago, the paper printed in its issue of January 9th, 1912, information of the fact that the Chicago Philatelic Society had held its annual banquet just a score of years ago. We well remember that banquet and the fascinations of the evening at a time when the "world's fair" spirit permeated all Chicago. While the World's Fair was not held until 1893, the year of the stamps, yet at the banquet many of the members told of Chicago's determination to be a royal host to philately during the fair and the American Philatelic Society convention of 1893.

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One-Cent Postage—A bill has been introduced into the house by Representative LaFollette of Washington providing for a postage rate of one cent an ounce on first-class mail matter. It will be interesting to notice what disposition is made of the bill, as there is no unanimity of opinion by any means that the one-cent rate is advisable at this time. The suggestion that the reduction be made should come from Postmaster-General Hitchcock, who has converted the liability that long has burdened the department into an asset; and who now is working other practical reform in the department. Let one-cent postage come but only after further needed readjustment is made in the department and after the parcels-post system is established.

TYPES OF THE 2c COLUMBIAN.

Supplementing the article published last week, we have received from Arthur Barger a further study of the varieties to be found in the two-cent Columbian. In addition to the types illustrated, Mr. Barger shows us two other "varieties." In the first, the vertical line shows two small breaks opposite the fifth and eighth horizontal lines from the bottom. In the second, a well-defined line runs at right angles with the last nine horizontal lines in the same manner as found in connection with variety 2 reported last week, where the upper horizontal lines are similarly treated. Evidently the wear and tear upon the plate will account for these "varieties."

Mr. Barger writes:—"I have had the opportunity of looking over 2,000 of these stamps and with the following result:—200 of Type 2; 100 of Type 3; 3 of Type 4 and only one of Type 5. I was unable to find any with a cap over the numeral '2'."

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Just as we go to press particulars are at hand in connection with the Trenton exhibition which we are glad to say was a pronounced success. Pending a detailed story next week we print this excerpt from a letter from the efficient chairman of the exhibition committee, Alvah G. Clark:—

"Our Society after considering the matter of an exhibit and thoroughly understanding what a task it would be, decided to tackle it. We had a committee of, I think, about seven members. This committee met and formulated a letter to all the members of the society telling them what we intended to do, how much wall space we had at our command and solicited their descriptions of what they would exhibit. The next move was to co-operate with the School of Industrial Arts of the City (the building of which is pictured on our invitation and catalogue) in reference to their art gallery which is a large room on the third floor of the building fitted up on all four sides with Frink Reflectors (this room together with the building was designed by Mr. Cass Gilbert of New York City, one of the Country's leading architects) and for their exhibition frames which are of uniform size of 22 by 28 inches and made perfectly plain of pine and stained a rich brown. These privileges were gladly accorded us by the Director of the School, Mr. Frank Forrest Frederick.

You can get some idea of the size of the exhibit when you consider that we used sixty-four frames instead of 58 as the catalogue stated.

Our invitations and catalogues were mailed to 500 of Trenton's leading citizens and about an equal amount or more were mailed to philatelists all over the country. Many regrets were received but a goodly number living within a radius of 150 miles attended.

Our society has received a number of applications by this exhibit and others are promised. This, together with the fact that philately has been pushed another step forward, makes us feel that it was a great success.

The cost, well, this is known only to the society, I can say. There was a cost to all of this, but we feel the money was well spent, and then the Trenton Society does not mind this.

I would be omitting one of the main things of the exhibit if I failed to mention the collection of specialized Canal Zone which was loaned us by our worthy member Mr. Ernest R. Ackerman. It defies a written description and one would have to see it to realize its greatness. One visitor to the exhibit passed the remark that the owner of this collection must have been the printer of the stamps.

It is said of committees that they are divided into three parts, viz: one-third does all the talking, one-third stays at home and the other third does all the work. Not so with the committee that labored with me in the cause.

Every member put his shoulder to the wheel, and thus, all working in harmony we did something. What we did beside holding the exhibit (which was pronounced by philatelists from New York and Philadelphia who journeyed to this city to see it, as the largest and best, held in the East in some time) I cannot say but the fruits of our labors are already beginning to show themselves. We think the end is not yet."

NEW NEW ZEALANDS.

The Postmaster General has officially informed the Philatelic Society of New Zealand that the new issue will be out within six months. The ½d and 1d denominations will be surface printed, but the other values will be printed from steel plates. It has not yet been decided whether the full series will be issued, but it is assumed that there will be a change in each value at present bearing the late King's head. Mr. Faris has been informed that there will be no alteration in design of the 1d, and the 2½d, 9d, 2s and 5s, will, he understands, remain pictorial as at present. Mr. Faris writes further, that the last named four values are now all perf. 14 rough, i. e., from the old machine, now condemned and discarded. As present stocks become sold out, fresh printings will be perforated on the new 14x14¼ comb kept for these sized stamps, so readers should look out for them. There have been no such comb issues yet. He adds that the 2d and 1s King's head have appeared as officials, but he has not yet seen them. The ½d, 3d, and 6d King's heads do exist overprinted "OFFICIAL." Postage Dues—these are all rough perf. machine. No comb issues yet. They will, of course, come with the fresh printing.—*Australian Stamp Journal.*

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By G. Carlton Russell.

The 17th annual meeting of the New England Philatelic Association and American Envelope Society Consolidated, was held in the "Owl's" Club Room, of the Hayward, No. 16 Hayward Place, Boston, on Tuesday evening, January 9, 1912. Seventeen members and friends sat down at 7.30 p. m., and enjoyed the bountiful repast provided for the "inner man" by the "special committee" appointed for the occasion.

President E. F. Sawyer sat at the head of the table and in his genial manner acted as toastmaster. After the "cheese and crackers," cigars were lighted and each member who had been formally introduced by the chairman with some fitting remark, responded gracefully to his name with some good story or special talk on philatelic lines.

At 10 o'clock the President called the regular monthly meeting to order. After the reading of the records of the December meeting and the annual reports of the officers were accepted and placed on file, the election of officers for 1912 took place. The following were elected for the ensuing year:— E. F. Sawyer, President; W. D. King, Vice-President; G. C. Russell, Secretary and Treasurer; W. G. Bail, W. L. Aldrich and Chas. H. Stone, Governing Board.

E. W. Gilson, Fitchburg, Mass., and Arthur Abbott, Boston, Mass., were elected members under suspension of the rules.

A vote of thanks was given to Mr. Legg for his kind invitation to the members of the N. E. P. A. and A. E. S. Cons., for a second outing to be held at Pepperell some day next summer.

The following were present at the banquet:—H. W. Legg, L. L. Green, C. H. Stone, F. W. Stiles, W. G. Bail, A. P. Brown, Marcus W. White, Chas. R. Lewis, I. W. Risdon, C. W. Stiles, P. C. Kimball, W. L. Aldrich, E. W. Gilson, Edw. Gowing, Arthur Abbott, E. F. Sawyer and G. C. Russell.

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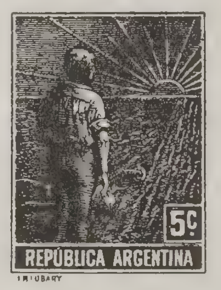
CHRONICLE OF NEW ISSUES AND VARIETIES

Edited by HENRY A. KIDDER.

Any information regarding new issues will be gratefully received and acknowledged. Address HENRY A. KIDDER, 17 Addison St., Arlington, Mass. Letters calling for a reply should contain a self-addressed, stamped envelope. We cannot give applicants the addresses of our correspondents. Correspondence regarding precancelled stamps must be sent to FRANK B. ELDREDGE, Attleboro, Mass., when due credit will be given in this department.

UNITED STATES.—F. B. Eldredge reports the following new precancels:
Marlboro, Mass.; 1c 1911, reading down; type I.
Lynn, Mass.; 5c 1911, reading up; type III.
Lynn, Mass.; 6c 1911, reading up; type III.
Racine, Wis.; 1c 1911, inverted; double, type VI.
Chicago, Ill.; 3c 1911, normal; type V.

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.—We illustrate herewith the design of the latest from Argentine.



AUSTRALIA.—The *Bazaar* says: Of the many designs submitted for the Commonwealth postage stamps, it is understood that ten are still under consideration, after three months of weeding out. It seems that the Postmaster-General finds it difficult to make a final choice as between these. All are said to be original and pleasing and each has its own special attractions. So to assist him in the process of making up his mind, the embarrassed Minister is inviting expressions of opinion from members of Parliament, and has had the designs prominently placed on the walls of the Government and Opposition rooms at Parliament House. In the multiplicity of counsellors there may be safety. At the worst, if a mistake be made in the final choice, the Minister may, as the *Postage Stamp* suggests, lighten his responsibility by sharing it with others, and may perhaps silence some of those who would be his severest critics.

BARBADOS.—*Ewen's Weekly* is informed that the new stamps, with Arms and King's Head combined, will be out next April or sooner. The values to be printed are ¼d, ½d, 1d, 2d, 2½d, 3d, 4d, 6d, small design; 1sh, 2sh, 3sh, large design.

CANADA.—We are indebted to Bert J. Turner and Albert F. Ritter for information regarding the new 1c and 2c stamps.

CEYLON.—*Ewen's Weekly* is informed that the new King George stamps will not be on sale before July, 1912. All values are to be for postage and revenue purposes and will range from 2 cents to 500 rupees. The 5c on 64c has been found with double surcharge.

CONGO.—The *J. B. J.* reports the 15c orange post card, surcharged "10" in black, the card having been previously overprinted "Congo Belge" with a hand stamp.

Provisional Post Card.
"10" on 15c orange.

COOK ISLANDS.—The *Australian Stamp Journal* says there is no present intention to alter the design of the stamps of Cook Islands, bearing the head of the late Queen Makea.

DAHOMEY.—*Die Post* says that a new set of stamps of distinctive design is to be issued during the coming year. The design resembles that of the 15c Congo, and represents a native clining a bread-palm.

FRENCH GUINEA.—This French Colony is to have a new set of stamps this year, says *Die Post.* The design represents three carriers wading a ford.

GABON.—*La Revue Philatelique Francaise* chronicles a new envelope for this Colony, the stamp being of the current warrior type, inscribed "Congo Francais —Gabon."

Envelope.
10c carmine and red on gray; 147x112 mm.

INDO CHINA.—This Colony has a new envelope issue, according to *La Revue Philatelique Francaise.*

Envelopes.
10c carmine and black on greenish; 123x96 and 147x112 mm.

IVORY COAST.—*Die Post* says that a new set of stamps of distinctive design is to be issued during the coming year. The design is a river scene showing a boat with five natives and a load of merchandise.

MADAGASCAR.—The remainders of the 5c and 10c stamps previously issued for Anjouan, Grand Comoro, Mayotte and Moheli, have been sent to Madagascar to be used for postal purposes. These remainders were, until recently, held in Paris.

MAURITANIA.—A new set of stamps is to be issued for this French Colony, according to *Die Post.* The accepted design shows a child seated on an ox, with the driver alongside.

PHILIPPINES.—Theodore Siddall sends specimens of the 2c and 10c Philippine stamps with the new single-lined letter watermark, that have just been issued.

Mr. Siddall says that "they are not yet on sale in Manila. The watermark on these stamps, as a variety, amounts to nothing at all, as it is not always on the stamp to a sufficient extent to identify the letter; but the best test for the new watermark is that stamps that have the new watermark are on a very white paper, whereas the old ones are on a dirty-looking white paper; compared

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to the new. But as this difference is due only to whether the paper was made in summer or winter, the next lot of paper for the new stamps may be on the dirty (made in summer) paper. The watermark on the 20 centavo yellow stamps is so elusive that even Nick Winter, the cinematograph detective, couldn't detect it."

PORTUGAL.—We are informed by Whitfield King & Co., that the 25r value of the Vasco da Gama set has now been overprinted "Republica" for use in the mother country, like the 50r and 75r values previously announced.

A. de la Tarre Bueno sends us a clipping from *O Seculo,* of Lisbon, showing the new design for the Portuguese stamps, both in the normal size of the stamp as it will be issued and enlarged to show the details of the design. These stamps for the Republic will be issued during the beginning of February and the monetary unit will be in conformity with the new system which is to be established.

In connection with this stamp for the Republic *O Seculo* says—"The new postage stamps approved by the Government and destined for the continent have already been engraved; the stamp has been gotten up by the Casa da Moeda, by Portuguese artisans and will be placed in circulation during the first days of February. The values will appear in the new monetary unit."

Mr. Bueno says the article is not quite clear as to whether it is the die or the stamps which are ready. He has shown the article to some Portuguese friends, but they all claim that they cannot tell from the text which is meant.

The design shows a half length picture of a woman, probably typical of the Republic, turned slightly to the right but facing to the front. "Repvblica Portvgveza" runs across the top, and "Correio" across the bottom, with a star at each end. No place appears in the engraving for the value.

SENEGAL.—This French Colony is also to have a new set of stamps, according to *Die Post.* The design represents a Sengalese market.

SPAIN.—*Offices in Morocco.*—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us a new printing of the 10c rose, overprinted "Correo Espanol—Marruecos," for use in the Spanish offices in Morocco.

TURKEY.—*Champion's Bulletin* says that a new set of stamps will be issued in March. The Sultan's signature will be replaced by a picture of the Constantinople Postoffice.

UPPER SENEGAL.—This French Colony is also included in the list given in *Die Post* of those to have new stamps during the coming year. The accepted design shows a native in Arab costume, near a camel and a mehari.

HUDSON-FULTON PLATE 5394.

By courtesy of CLARK & ROBB.

(While it is no doubt probable that Mr. Kidder has duly chronicled the varieties herein referred to, we believe the matter will be of sufficient interest for us to publish these notes so kindly furnished by Clark & Robb. We do not deem it necessary to have a plate made in view of the very definite statement as to the location of these stamps.—Ed.)

This plate contains the only errors on any of the plates of this series. They are so plain and so noticeable that more importance should be attached to them. A correspondent writes: "I have gone into the details, have consulted, not only with the Director of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, but also with the Chief of the Engraving Division and with the mechanic who laid this plate out and it was this last named man who really solved the problem."

We will describe the variety, the stamps on which it occurs and their location on the plate.

The error on stamp No. 1, consists of a small circle just over the second "9" of 1909; this circle is very light and not plainly seen without a glass.

On stamp No. 3 a similar circle is seen just over the "*6*" of 1609. There is also a very light circular line through the left hand figure "2".

On stamp No. 4, the circle over the figure "*6*" is a little plainer and the line through the figure "2" is quite plain and distinct.

These stamps are located in the upper left hand corner of the sheet as printed and on the perforated sheets will be found in the upper left hand pane of 60 stamps, the horizontal row.

Our correspondent further writes: "When the question as to how it occurred was put to the Chief of the Engraving Room, he replied that in his opinion it was due to lint or other foreign substance on the transfer roll and that was what was first published in regard to these errors, but this view was contested by some readers and to make sure, I made further inquiries, and at my request, the man who laid the stamps on the plate with the transfer roll was called into consultation. After some questioning he reluctantly admitted that after he had "laid on" the first four stamps, he found he had them too low to come out right at the bottom of the plate. He then took them off the plate, burnished it and started again a little higher, but in burnishing the plate, it is evident that the lines above described were not wholly taken out. It will be noticed that the little circle over the figures "9" and "6" are the same size as the circle just above it and which forms a part of the labels bearing the words: "HUDSON-FULTON CELEBRATION." The line across the figure "2" is the same shape as the top of the "2" and the same distance from the top of the figure as the circles are from the ends of the label. This bears out the story of the mistake in starting the plate."

BRITT'S ANNUAL REPORT.

(Continued from page 19.)

full cost of manufacture and distribution, in addition to the postage value of the stamped envelope sold, the net result of the amended prices is a saving to the purchasing public estimated at over $100,000 per annum. The new prices will take effect January 1, 1912.

In preparing bidders' specifications for the new stamped-envelope contract, the department called for proposals upon envelopes of the patterns manufactured under the 1907 contract, and also for separate bids upon a new cut of envelope which was believed to be more economical of production. The bids received for the new style were found to be lower than for the old cut by 1 cent per thousand for the No. 5, and by 2 cents per thousand for the No. 13 size, these two sizes representing 82 per cent. of the total output. The contract was accordingly drawn to provide for the new style of envelope in the No. 5 and No. 13 sizes, no change being made in the cut of the remaining envelopes because the prices were the same as for the old cut. While the new No. 5 and No. 13 envelopes can be more economically manufactured than the old cut, they are equally serviceable.

The new contract does not provide for "open-end" envelopes, the public demand for this style not having reached the department's antcipations.

The watermark in the stamped envelope paper has been altered, showing the initial year of the new contract, 1911.

EXCESS REVENUE FROM STAMPED ENVELOPES.

This revenue comprises the aggregated fractions of a cent gained by postmasters over the rate per thousand in the sale of envelopes and wrappers in odd quantities. It amounted during the fiscal year 1911 to $128,042.25, compared wih $62,170.04 for the period of the fiscal year 1910 after January 24, in which postmasters were required to account for this revenue.

IMPROVEMENT OF POSTAL CARDS.

In preparing specifications for postal cards for the four-year period beginning January 1, 1910, the weight of the paper was reduced from 150 to 130 pounds per ream of 500 sheets, 24 by 36 inches in size. This reduction accomplished a large economy in cost of manufacture and distribution of cards, and was believed not to affect their serviceableness. Experience has shown, however, that under existing methods of printing postal cards the paper was not sufficiently substantial for the purpose, and its weight has therefore been increased to 140 pounds per ream, with a corresponding increase of thickness. Postal cards made of this heavier paper show marked improvement, and the new weight of 140 pounds effects a considerable economy in cost compared with the weight of 150 pounds, which obtained under the previous contract. The new paper is of a cream color, more satisfactory than the blue tint which it supersedes. With the new paper the ink used in printing the No. 4 1-cent domestic single card was changed to red, the cards so altered being first placed on sale August 10, 1911. The No. 6 1-cent domestic reply card is now being printed in green ink on the cream-colored paper, and was placed on sale October 27, 1911.

A new international postal card, designated No. 7, in place of the "E" 2-cent, is now being issued, havng been placed on sale October 27, 1911. It is described as follows:

"*No. 7, 2-cent.*—The size of the card is 3¼ by 5½ inches. The paper is of cream color, and the design is printed in red ink. A portrait of Gen. U. S. Grant, looking to the right, is used as the subject of the stamp. The portrait appears within a frame, the inner lines of which form an ellipse, while the outer lines are rectangular with inwardly curving corners. Above the portrait and following the curve of the ellipse are the words 'U. S. Postal Card,' and below it is the name 'Grant' in a curved ribbon. The denomination is expressed in words and numerals in the lower portion of the frame. To the left of the stamp, in a single line of plain Gothic capitals, is the inscription, 'This side of card is for address only.' In the upper left corner of the card appears the following inscription in English and French: 'Universal Postal Union, Union Postale Universelle, United States of America, Etats-Unis d'Amerique.'"

The No. 5 1-cent card, 3 by 5 inches, described in the last annual report of this office, was first placed on sale January 1, 1911.

OUR PICTORIAL REBUS.

A reader protests that some of the designs found in our last rebus are not pictured in Scott's 1911 catalog. While it may be true that some of these designs are not so illustrated, it must be remembered that this is to be a "stamp" hunt and not a "catalog" hunt. We would urge interested parties to send in their lists of answers, even though incomplete, as it is very evident that our last rebus is a difficult proposition.

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Edited by BERTRAM W. H. POOLE, Box 231, Altadena, Calif.

We propose to insert upon this page matter that will be of interest to the boy collector. Some two thousand boys are now on our mailing list and it is our desire to come closely in contact with them in such a manner as will be most helpful. Any information desired will be cheerfully rendered through these columns. Do not submit stamps for examination.

MADAGASCAR.

The French Colonial Issues.

(Continued from last week.)

In 1904 a set of distinctive design was provided for Madagascar and Dependencies in place of the hackneyed tablet type. The central portion of the design shows a palm tree with a sacred bull in the foreground at left, and a lemur at the right. The name appears in a tablet at base, "Postes" is at top, numerals of value in the upper left hand corner and the monogram "R. F." in the upper right hand angle. These letters are, of course, a contraction for "Republique Francaise". The values and colors are as follows:—

1c deep lilac.
2c sepia.
4c brown.
5c green.
10c scarlet.
15c carmine.
20c orange.
25c blue.
30c vermilion.
40c grey.
50c yellow-brown.
75c orange yellow.
1fr deep green.
2fr slate.
5fr black.

The 1c and 2c are known imperforate, the 2fr exists doubly printed, and the 1c is known printed on bluish paper. Normally the stamps were printed on a fairly thick paper and perforated 11½. The design was the same for all values. The bull shown so prominently in the design is a male member of a species of humped cattle closely related to the zebu of India. It is a domesticated animal and like its Indian relative it is used as a beast of burden. Indeed, to the Malagasy people this animal is as important and useful as the horse is to an Arab. The other animal shown on these stamps—the lemur—is typical of the fauna of the island. Lemurs, which are closely related to the monkey family, are very plentiful in Madagascar. There are numerous species the general characteristics of all being the thick, furry skin, fox-like face, and long bushy tail. The lemur is about the size of a cat, and not unlike that feline in general appearance, and owing to this fact it is usually known as the "Madagascar cat" among sea-faring men. They live entirely in trees and as a rule, large numbers live together.

During a period extending from February until August, 1904, numerous provisionals were issued at Diego Suarez, Vohemar, Antalaha and other places in the colony. Owing to an alleged shortage of stamps—apparently before the set mentioned above arrived—certain stamps of the 1896 type and some of the obsolete labels of Diego Suarez were divided vertically and each portion, when on a letter, was handstamped with words signifying such shortage. Some of the handstamps known read "Affranchissement Exceptionnel faute de Timbres" (Postage paid; exceptional shortage of stamps), "Affranchi ainsi faute figurine" (Postage paid thus; low values scarce), "Affranchissement special faute de figurines" (Postage paid; special, low values scarce), etc. Gibbons catalogue says all these provisionals are entirely speculative, Scott ignores them altogether, while Kohl's new catalogue gives an extensive list of varieties. Though possibly absolutely speculative and unnecessary, they cannot be ignored altogether by the specialist.

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In 1906, Madagascar, in common with many other French possessions, was provided with a new value, 35c, but this was not in the type of the others but in the old tablet type of 1896. This stamp was printed in black on yellow paper and has the same perforation as other stamps of the same design, viz., 14x13½.

In 1907, the post office at Sambawa ran short of 10c stamps and the postal authorities there allowed the 20c label to be bisected and each half used in payment of the 10c rate. The stamps were not overprinted in any manner and as there was apparently plenty of other low values available, this proceedure was as ridiculous as it was unnecessary.

In 1908, Madagascar was supplied with an entirely new series. All are of similar design and all are bi-colored. The labels are of large upright rectangular shape, the central picture showing the usual method of transport in the island. It will be noticed an European traveller is depicted seated in a chair balanced on long poles which are carried by natives. The same plate for this portion of the design was used for all denominations. The frame is inscribed "Madagascar et Dependences" at base, "Postes" at top, in the centre, with "R" at left and "F" at right. The side columns are filled with conventional ornamentation. The value "1c" etc., is shown in large numerals on a square space insert in the lower left-hand corner of the centrepiece. This formed part of frame design and a separate plate for this portion was required for each value. The stamps were printed on unwatermarked paper and perforated 13½x14. The values and colors were as follows:—

1c violet and olive.
2c red and olive.
4c olive and pale brown.
5c green and olive.
10c pink and purple brown.
20c orange and brown.
25c blue and black.
30c yellow brown and black.
35c dull red "
40c chocolate "
45c green "
50c violet "
75c pink "
1fr yellow brown and olive.
2fr blue "
5fr violet and chocolate.

The centre is in the second color named in each case.

The above completes the postage stamps proper issued to date but in addition there are two sets of Postage due labels which merit attention. The first of these was issued in 1897 and was of a provisional nature. The 5c blue, 10c brown, 20c yellow, 30c rose, 40c mauve, 50c violet, and 1fr green stamps of the general issue for the French Colonies were overprinted "Madagascar et Dependences" in three lines. The overprint was in blue on the 20c, 30c and 50c denominations and in red on the others. All were imperf.

No other set of postage due stamps was issued until 1908 when a series of distinctive design made its appearance. These stamps are oblong in shape and show as a centrepiece a view of the Governor's Palace. Above this, on a semi-circular scroll are the words, "Chiffre taxe à percevoir"; across the base is the name of the colony; at the top is "Postes"; in the upper left hand corner the value is shown; and a corresponding tablet in the upper right hand corner are the letters "R.F.". The values and colors are:—

2c dull claret.
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If we may deduct a moral from a perusal of the proceedings of the Australian Congress—judging from a not inconsiderable personal experience of these functions—it would be that the subjects introduced for discussion at Sydney were too numerous to admit of adequate discussion, and that three sessions instead of seven with one practical point to be discussed at each meeting would be more likely conducive to have a good result.

Among the subjects discussed by the Sydney Congress, ending like the others in an inconclusive termination, was the compilation of an Australian Catalogue. The opinion was expressed and supported that each State of the Commonwealth should prepare a list of its own stamps, a resolution being carried to this effect. It remains to be seen if this will fructify; nor was it stated if such catalogues were to be priced. There can be no doubt that these lists would be of much value if properly carried out by the right men in each society. There is much to be done in the proper grouping and pricing of the Australian issues of the last twenty years, and the scientific classification of all varieties into specialist and generalist varieties would be of the greatest service to both classes of Australian stamp collectors.
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40 “ Guatemala	2.00	.68
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Most of the best things in this world have had small beginnings and to this rule philately is certainly no exception. Started in a very small and unobtrusive manner little more than half a century ago our hobby now has its adherents in every part of the globe where civilised man has penetrated. Of the early history of philately we have only the scantiest knowledge—less, indeed, than we have of the history of the early Egyptians—but it seems probable there were collectors almost as soon as there were stamps.

As shown in previous numbers of the WEEKLY attempts to form Societies—the outward and visible sign of progress in any pursuit—were made by enthusiastic pioneers in Paris, New York, and London, in the order named, in the sixties. While these attempts were unsuccessful so far as Paris and New York were concerned the Society formed in London in 1869 has survived until the present time growing in prestige and importance as the years have passed. By 1870 catalogues were in existence, magazines were published, and numerous dealers were actively engaged in the more important world cities so that philately as a popular hobby was fairly launched. Though there was a temporary setback in the 'eighties its popularity has since increased to such an extent that philately now stands unrivalled and pre-eminent as *the* hobby for the multitude. It counts among its votaries men and women in every walk of life—kings, princes, statesmen, merchants, sailors, soldiers, lawyers, journalists, in fact men of every trade and profession vie with each other in the friendly rivalry of the pursuit.

As a school boy's hobby it counts its devotees by the thousand. During the last decade there are probably few, even among the veriest philistines, who have not collected stamps at some time or other during boyhood's days. Though with a large number of boys collecting stamps it is almost on a par with keeping rabbits or catching the measles, many retain their interest and after years of discretion are reached these seldom, if ever, quite lose touch with the pursuit. Indeed, there is more than a word of truth in the saying "Once a collector, always a collector" and even those with the most limited circle of philatelic acquaintances know of cases where stamps have been given up only to be returned to with renewed zest a few months, or perhaps a few years, later.

Every nation has its stamp collectors and even the outposts of civilisation furnish their quota of philatelic enthusiasts. Writing some years ago the late Mr. E. J. Nankivell remarked "If any one of the Antarctic expeditions were to reach the goal of its ambition, and were to celebrate the event there and then by an issue of postage stamps, a collector would certainly be in attendance, and would probably endeavour to buy up the whole issue on the spot". Probably he little thought that this playful prophecy would be realised and yet the history of the King Edward VII stamps issued in connection with Sir Ernest Shackleton's expedition provides an almost literal fulfilment!

A brief perusal of the new edition of the *Stamp Collectors' Annual* gives much food for thought regarding the internationality of our hobby. There are few European nations but what have at least one well-known Society. Even downtrodden and harrassed Finland has its "Helsingfors Frimarkssamloreforening". In Asia, India has a flourishing and important society, China has two clubs while there are plenty of collectors in Borneo, Siam, Japan, etc., and even the unprogressive kingdom of Korea is credited with having active collectors. Africa has numerous societies in Cape Colony, Natal, Transvaal, the Orange River Colony, Rhodesia, etc., while in the north Algeria and Egypt have flourishing clubs. Australia, as might naturally be expected from its numerous and handsome old stamps, has thousands of collectors as evidenced by the number

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But extensive though this published list of the philatelic societies of the world is, it only touches the fringe of the subject. Besides these there are hundreds of other smaller societies, local coteries of perhaps anything from three to a dozen collectors. These are imbued with the same enthusiasm and the same love of stamps as their more widely known and perhaps more fortunately placed brethren.

Stamp collectors abound everywhere and there is certainly no other hobby that can claim such universality. Usually the fact that one is a stamp collector is sufficient introduction to a fellow philatelist so that the philatelic traveller need never feel a "stranger in a strange land". Again to quote the late Mr. Nankivell "International jealousies are forgotten, and even the barriers of race, and creed, and politics, in the pleasant freemasonry of philatelic friendships".

In every country, in every town, almost in every village stamp enthusiasts are to be found. What is there in philately that gives it such world-wide popularity? Perhaps its greatest charm of all is its adaptability. It is not a hobby for the wealthy only, such as the accumulation of old masters, but is for each and everyone of us. Each individual can plan his collection to suit his pocket and on the lines laid down can collect just what he likes. The intelligent collector of small means can form a collection equally as interesting, if not so valuable, as that formed by a wealthy individual and he will certainly obtain as much pleasure from it. Dollars do not make the best philatelists or always the best collections. The man of limited means but rich in philatelic acumen is at least on equal terms with the wealthy plutocrat whose knowledge of stamps is hardly as great as his love of them. But adaptability alone would not make it a hobby of universal popularity. Where then are its fascinations To the busy professional man it serves as a real recreation—a pastime of such interest that the cares of business are forgotten, the tired brain is rested without being bored, while it makes time pass pleasantly and profitably without further taxing an already overburdened energy. Its value as a recreation for the busy man is amply proved by the number of captains of industry, successful lawyers, and overworked journalists who are among its keenest votaries. For the man of leisure it affords a stimulating occupation— an occupation that demands time and trouble, for really fine specialised collections are not built up by money alone. The items that really matter have to be hunted for while the spice of competition with a "rival" collector only adds to the interest. To the studious it offers unlimited scope for research for of no stamps, even those most extensively studied, can it be said that the "last word" has been written. To the old it is a pleasant relaxation, sociable, and a hobby that brings them into contact with the young on common ground. To the boy it is a hobby full of entrancing delights. Think of the stirring events depicted on many of the treasures in his album. If he is a lover of animals, and what real boy is not, he will find in his album a fair sized menagerie; ships and boats of all sorts from the primitive native contrivance used in Papua to the up-to-date liner shown on the 10c Pan-American stamp; portrait of heroes who have led their troops to victory; explorers; monuments erected to the memory of great men of bygone days; public buildings; people of every clime; flags; maps; the gods of ancient Greece; in fact, the varied designs are alone sufficiently interesting to make stamps desirable objects to collect. Postage stamps—old bits of paper as they were contemptuously termed by the scoffers years ago—are rich in memories of history and mythology; they show the progress of the arts and sciences; they link the present with the past; they tell of the things that have been; they mark the progress of mankind; they indicate the growth of empires and the federation of states; they tell of the rise and fall of dynasties; they record the wonderful inventions of modern times; they bear testimony to the civilisation of other decades; they bear honor to great statesmen and national heroes; they record the work of great explorers; and, lastly, they are part and parcel of that greatest of all the wonders of civilisation—the modern postal system, with its marvellous organisation that makes communication between the remotest corners of the world a matter of the utmost simplicity to the individual.

Certainly every stamp-issuing country has its collectors and followers of the hobby abound even where the collection of stamps is attended with a certain amount of inconvenience. In India, for example, philately is very flourishing, notwithstanding the difficulty of preserving stamps from injury by moisture or the ravages of insects. Even in tropical countries, where the intense heat makes the handling of unused stamps anything but an easy matter collectors will be found in plenty.

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changed, and even the non-collector recognises that stamps have a monetary value and he respects them accordingly. In fact the non-collector generally has a very exaggerated notion of the value of any stamps he may happen to possess. At the present time the philatelist is a factor Governments have to reckon with. Some pay him the compliment of unwelcome attention by issuing stamps solely for the benefits accruing from their sale to collectors. His anxiety to procure unused specimens of Official stamps where their sale to the public was prohibited, led to the abandonment of these special labels in Great Britain and Natal. Prominent philatelists have been invited, of late years, to assist in the work of selecting suitable designs for new issues of stamps, and time and again stamp collectors have rendered good service by detecting and reporting counterfeits that had deceived the postal authorities themselves.

Stamp collecting is "the king of hobbies, and the hobby of kings". Truly, when we consider its scope for pleasure, for profit, as an intellectual and social pursuit, as a real recreation and pastime for all sorts and conditions of men, its world-wide popularity as a hobby is hardly to be wondered at!

LONDON STAMP EXHIBITION, '12.

By FRED. J. MELVILLE.

The recent successes of American philatelists at Exhibitions in Vienna, Turin and Australia have opened the way for keener competition by Americans at all future International Exhibitions, and it is confidently expected that the United States will establish new records in the number of medals and high awards they will secure at the London Exhibition, which is to be held under the auspices of the Junior Philatelic Society in October next.

The preparations for this great Exhibition are now well under way, and from the advance announcements of the plans it appears that the Juniors are endeavouring to establish a new record as regards their own Exhibitions, which have been so highly successful in the past. They have secured the largest and finest Exhibition Hall of its kind in London, one which an eminent British trade Journal describes as the finest Exhibition Hall in the three kingdoms. It is the Royal Horticultural Hall, situated right in the heart of Westminster beneath the shadow of Big Ben. In the large main hall, where the bulk of the Exhibits will be shewn, there is an area of 13,000 square feet, and on the first floor there are two smaller halls and a suite of rooms, all of which have been acquired by the Exhibition Executive.

A complete novelty will be the devoting of one of the spacious annexes of the main hall on the ground floor to an Exhibition of working machinery, which will be engaged in the production of postage stamps throughout the entire period the Exhibition is open.

Another entire novelty at any International Philatelic Exhibition will be directed towards the securing of the comfort of those whose business and interest it is to spend much time at the Exhibition. One of the annexes will be utilised as a commodious and luxurious drawing room, where one can meet one's philatelic friends and converse in comfort, and it is the desire of the Executive to give visitors all the conveniences within the Exhibition of a completely and luxuriously furnished Club. The Exhibition will be opened on Monday, Oct. 14th, remaining open the complete week, until night on Saturday the 19th, and several days have been allowed for the setting up of the Exhibition during the week preceding the show.

It will thus be seen that the preparations for the great London Exhibition of the present year are on a scale well worthy of the enterprising Junior Philatelic Society, and have been planned with a view to securing ample accommodation for an attendance over 60 per cent. in excess of that of the last Exhibition held by this Society, and it is confidently anticipated that 50,000 people will visit the Exhibition during the week, thus bringing together the largest concourse of persons interested in Philately ever assembled under one roof.

The prospectus of the Exhibition is expected to be ready in February and I am glad to be able to extend this early invitation to the numerous friends and supporters of the Society in the United States to commence putting their collections in order with a view to shewing them in London in October. I also offer the most cordial welcome to any philatelist from the United States who will plan his vacation so that he can visit London in that month. Each visitor from the United States will have an exceptional opportunity of seeing all the great collections centred in one place, on a scale which has not been possible hitherto.

The Junior Philatelic Society has much to congratulate itself upon, in the interest and support extended to it by collectors in the United States, and I and my colleagues are deeply sensible of the honour and confidence which we have gained amongst the philatelists of the great Republic, and look forward with confident anticipation to receiving many Exhibits, and welcoming many visitors from the United States in October next.

I shall be very glad to hear from any collector desirous of showing his collection or of visiting the Exhibition, as early as possible, and have already opened a register for the names and addresses of all those who desire to be furnished with prospectuses, tickets, and all information connected with the Exhibition as it is printed and issued.

The address of the Hon. Secretary of the Exhibition is Herbert F. Johnson, 44 Fleet St., E. C., and I shall be pleased to answer enquiries personally, so far as is possible, if addressed to me, Fred. J. Melville, 14 Sudbourne Rd., Brixton, S. W.

TRENTON PHILATELIC EXHIBITION.

A Very Creditable Display by the Trenton Society.

(We give this week a detailed story of the very enterprizing effort of the Trenton Philatelic Society to dignify philately by an exhibition of the stamp treasures belonging to its members. Last week Mr. Alvah G. Clark told us something about the exhibition. He did not tell us all, indeed his modesty forbade the bestowal of the credit that properly belongs to the exhibition committee. Mr. Clark was chairman of the committee and the exhibition was a good one. We quote from the Trenton **Times.**—Ed.)

What is really the first public exhibition of the Trenton Philatelic Society is being conducted at the School of Industrial Arts, West State and Willow Streets. The exhibit is of postage and revenue stamps of this and foreign countries. It is being held in the art gallery of the school and is open from 2 to 5 o'clock each afternoon and from 7.30 to 9.30 each evening.

This is the fourth anniversary of the Trenton Society, but previous exhibits have been small ones, confined to store windows or to the homes of members.

The reasons for holding this exhibition at the Art School are given by Frank Forrest Frederick, director of the school, who writes an article in the current number of the *Wickercheoke Philatelist,* the organ of the Trenton stamp collectors, a unique publication edited and published by Theodore G. Kitchen. Mr. Frederick writes:

ART REFLECTS CULTURE.

"The culture of a race is reflected in its art. This has always been true. From the remains of ancient architecture, sculpture and painting we can reconstruct the civilization of the past. We have, in many European countries what is known as 'official art'—that is governmental direction of the fine arts. In one sense there is an official art in every civilized nation—namely the art of its coinage and of its stamps.

"It is very interesting to note that the higher a nation stands in culture the better is its coinage and stamps.

"In the United States the technical side of engraving and printing has always received much attention and our postage stamps and paper money is perfectly executed though often poor from the art standpoint. Sculpture has always been neglected among us and our coinage is very poor. The recent revival of interest in sculpture is seen in attempts to improve our coinage—the Lincoln cent comparing favorably with any coin minted anywhere. Our postage stamps have kept pace with our feeling for good art as can easily be seen by comparing the issues of today with those of past years.

"Because it is true that the stamps of a nation reflect its artistic taste, it seems appropriate that a school devoted to the cultivation and elevation of art should open its doors and provide an exhibition place for a society devoted to stamps in order that a comparison may be made between our stamps and those of other nations to the end that our taste in this matter may be educated to know the best which is a long step towards securing the best."

MR. CLARK'S COLLECTION.

Another Art School man who is greatly interested in stamps and who is one of the leading exhibitors in this display is Alvah G. Clark, secretary of the school. Mr. Clark began collecting stamps when he was 12 years old and has been at it ever since—a period of eighteen years. He collected postage stamps as a school boy and collected revenue stamps during the Spanish-American War, when, as a drug clerk, he saw them on patent medicine bottles. Later, as a traveling representative of Murray, Griffith & Messler, of this city, and still later as assistant sergeant-at-arms of the New Jersey courts, he had other opportunities for continuing his hobby. Mr. Clark is one of the charter members of the Trenton Philatelic Society, and was its first vice president. He was afterwards secretary and is now treasurer of the Society. He was also one of the starters of the Trenton Junior Philatelic Society and devoted much of his time instructing the boys of this city in the study of philately.

In his position as secretary of Trenton's Art School he has had a good opportunity for observing and bettering his talent for drawing. He is adept with the crow-quill pen and ink, as seal of the Trenton Philatelic Society (an illustration of his work) well shows. He also originated the name, thought out and executed the design used by *The Stamp Album.* Not alone is Mr. Clark "at home" with pen and ink, as some of the illustrated pages (in color) in various stamp albums, are of the highest order.

Mr. Clark's exhibit includes a complete set of United States postage stamps from 1890 to date, U. S. part perforates and mailing machine and postal

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EDITORIAL.

Union—The question of the amalgamation of the national philatelic organizations, broached in our columns by Mr. Kjellstedt, has evoked some interesting comment. Out of the opinions that have been received there is not one that does not commend the proposal although the endorsement in each instance is not an unqualified one. It is our belief that two national organizations, one, the American Philatelic Society, for adults, and the other for younger collectors would suffice, particularly as it would not be expected that purely specialistic societies such as the Revenue, Envelope and Literature, lose their identity and make common cause. A juvenile society let us call it for the sake of distinction, has its place, if not as a a section of the American Philatelic Society, then as a separate organization. Twenty-five years ago, or so, the American Philatelic Society and the Philatelic Sons of America covered the country so thoroughly as really to make other organizations unnecessary. If the streams of philatelic strength be not diverted from the main body, the healthy expansion that would result would be a point of pride for all members. The concentration of effort on one society will conserve the energy that now is so scattered as almost to be wasted. We think that the existence of a number of societies for the young collector is an indication of youthful philatelic activity and ambition. If these societies were united, the results certainly would be more substantial and impressive.

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Their Own—Theoretically, the graduate from the junior society would join the organization for the older collectors. While the American Philatelic Society with a junior section would seem to be an ideal condition, yet the advantages of a society for the younger collectors in which they are supreme and work out their own destiny must be considered. They would have a keen interest in their own work and should feel their responsibility; and leaders capable of intelligently guiding their course would forge to the front. The special societies could continue on their way unhampered as they are off the main roads. More local and fewer national philatelic societies is a good slogan for the reformers who, if they achieve results, will benefit philately.

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Officials—In some cities the fifty-cent and one-dollar values of the official postal savings bank stamps have been offered in used condition in some quantity. Singles and blocks of these high denominations have been seen and the explanation that was given for their appearance was that they were used for sending supplies to the postal savings offices. When once these shipments are made the necessity for heavy postage will be infrequent, comparatively. In this connection, the information has been received that following its policy of economical administration in the department, the postoffice will send equipment of the postal savings offices by express or freight when it is possible to effect a saving by adopting this course. We notice the advertisements of several stamp dealers in a paper devoted to the interests of postmasters offering to buy the stamps at ten cents for the one-cent; twenty cents for the fifty-cent and ten cents for the dollar stamp.

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Calm Collectors—The newspapers are telling of the developments in the wars throughout the world and the dove of peace perches disconsolately on the palace of the Hague peace tribunal. The fortunes of the Turks and Italians are closely followed and what seems to be the wildest of dreams has come true—the Chinese revolutionists have asked the powers to recognize the Republic of China. In Ecuador and Paraguay, fierce fighting has been attended with heavy mortality but from present reports the government forces have the ascendancy. The time was when the political turmoil and war's alarms that disturb the world to-day would have furnished a pretext for infinite philatelic speculation and collectors would eagerly anticipate changes with attendant possibilities of new stamps. Now, when new issues are the accepted order of the day, philatelists almost are immune from sensation of the kind. We have told before, how the great dramatist, Sardou, included in the cast of *Famille Benoiton*, in 1865, "a broker of eight years of age who got the best of his little comrades by buying up all the stamps of the Confederate States of America which were on the market to sell again an hour later when a dispatch announced that the Federals were the vanquishers." As a historian says that incident has "no common sense from a philatelic point of view" but it shows that the Little Stamp Bourse of Paris early attracted general attention.

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Hussey Issue—We have seen a civil war token issued in 1863 by Hussey of New York who is known to philatelists through the issue of local stamps, 1854 to 1882. On the obverse of the copper "cent" is central design of horseman; above, Time is Money, and below, "1863. Exigency." Reverse: "Hussey's Special Message Post, 50 William St., New York."

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A Twist Somewhere—Just too late for recalling, the item was published last week relative to the departure from Corinto of the steamer with the Nicaraguan stamps on board without leaving the new issue in the country. Even before the paragraph appeared in print the new Waterlow stamps up to the 25 centavos had been received in this country. It remains to be seen what explanation will be given by our correspondent for the presence of the stamps, in view of his assurance that it would be some time before the issue would be available in Nicaragua, under the circumstances.

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They May Come—In the report of the postmaster-general, we find the following reference to the use of the official Postal Savings stamps as proving how well they perform their functions of regulating the franking system in their special province; and the point is made that it would be good business policy to have official stamps for the other departments. We quote: "The desirability of the plan has been demonstrated by its application to the Postal Savings System. Every letter and package mailed in conducting the business of the system has been required to carry postage sufficient for its weight and class. Thus it has been possible to ascertain the exact amount expended by the Government for postage in this new branch of the Postal Service. A similar opportunity to determine the proper postage charges against other branches of the Government ought to be afforded.

By granting the desired authority, Congress can aid in a substantial way the efforts of the Department to render still more accurate its system of accounting. The importance of such a reform is apparent when it is understood that the annual cost of carrying franked mail reaches into the millions."

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Under this heading we desire to publish all the news from the various philatelic centers Correspondents' names will be given unless prohibited as we desire to give full credit for services rendered.

—We have A. R. Butler to thank for the Britt report from which we made copious extracts in last week's issue. A favor such as this is greatly appreciated.

—A parcel post convention has been concluded between United States and Curacao and has already gone into effect.

—P. M. Allen of Binghampton, N. Y., submits a couple of clippings from local papers. One states that the new 1912 series will be available Feb. 1. The other clipping states that the color of the new registration stamp is to be changed from blue, because of its close resemblance in color of the 15-cent stamp.

—Warner McLaughlin, 220 W. 87 St., N. Y. City, would like to know the location of C. Harris, formerly of Laporte, Ind., and L. B. Holden, formerly of Marblehead, Mass.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from Albert F. Ritter (2), Alvah G. Clark (2).

—J. Emory Renoll, Hanover, Pa., would like to know the present whereabouts of Leonard L. Rodkey formerly of Brookville, Pa. Dealers take note.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from P. K. Parker, Edward Howard, Jos. L. Weber, Guy Johnston.

—N. J. Cadorette of Fitchburg, Mass., has just been re-elected to the city government for his fourth consecutive term. Remitting the amount of his subscription, he writes, "I am not collecting much now but cannot get along without the WEEKLY."

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TRENTON EXHIBITION.

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savings stamps, the latter the latest in government stamps; together with Spanish War revenue stamps, as well as old time match, medicine and tobacco stamps. This collection shows changes which the United States had to make to conform with the universal postal code. It also shows that the U. S. was less pressed for revenue during the Spanish-American War than it was in the Civil War. In the Civil War a 25-cent medicine carried a two-cent stamp, while in the Spanish War the stamp on such a bottle cost only five-eighths of a cent.

YOUNG FREDERICK'S EXHIBIT.

Another collection identified with the art school is that of John H. Frederick, a son of Director Frederick. Master Frederick exhibits stamps of Great Britain and the British colonies, including the "King's Heads."

Stamps from Canada and the Cape of Good Hope, also British possessions, are shown by C. H. Gibbs, a motorman on a trolley car, who finds time in addition to collecting stamps and working to serve as secretary for the philatelic society and also for the carmen's union.

E. A. Andrews, a letter carrier, is exhibiting U. S. Revenue stamps and stamps from the Netherlands. The cards containing the latter are ornamented with Netherland sketches by Mr. Clark, including the famous tulip bed scenes.

Other exhibits include: Match and medicine stamps by J. E. Leikman; Guatemala and Nicaragua stamps, Jacob J. Groth, a Roebling attache; foreign revenue and original covers, the latter dating back almost to the first United States stamp in 1847, by William G. Fitzcharles, merchant; picture stamps and "error" stamps from various countries, Lawyer Edmund S. Jamieson.

Mr. Kitchin, the Philatelic editor, said he hadn't much to show so he took around a hundred stamps from a hundred different countries, all nicely arranged and framed.

William B. Housel, of the Trenton Trust Company, shows foreign revenue stamps. In looking over Mr. Housel's collection the other day a visitor asked: "What's the use of collecting all these bits of paper?"

"Just as much use," said an 80-year-old man from Beverly, who was present, "as in making a two-century run in a day on a bicycle. It's a hobby that takes a man's mind away from business cares and gives it a change and a rest."

The State House figures in some of the most interesting collections shown. Senator Ernest R. Ackerman, of Union County, a stamp collector of world renown, shows a specialized Canal Zone display which won a silver medal at the Vienna Exposition in 1911. Former State Architect George E. Poole shows Chile, Siam and other foreign stamps. E. B. Sterling, another State House expert, displays lock seals (reconstructed plates) and tax paids (special tax), while M. H. Potts, a Chancery office clerk, displays stamps from Denmark and the United States.

ACKERMAN'S COLLECTION.

Former Senator Ackerman's collection is contained in two volumes and is practically complete in all minor varieties. There are more than twenty full sheets of stamps, each mounted in two sections. All varieties are carefully noted in neat lettering. The whole collection is handsomely mounted. Mr. Sterling who is a stamp expert, has given the following description of Ackerman collections:

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"The collection is strong in used stamps. Many varieties, especially of the different 5-cent printings are unknown, except used. Of the first issue of 2-cent stamps (only 25 sheets of which were issued), five blocks are shown, including one with Canal Zone inverted on all stamps.

"The United States stamps with 'Canal Zone' printed in them for use in the Zone, shown in the collection, are strong in plate numbers (strips of three, or blocks), in fact the best in this respect.

"The 1-cent green stamp is shown in four sheets, representing the four printings. The 2-cent rose variety with the 'L' of the word 'Canal' printed sideways, a great rarity is shown in a block. The complicated 5-cent stamps are well represented in the various settings on the several Panama printings, including four full sheets. Some of these printings are scarcely known, except used.

"The variety with 'Canal Zone' double is shown unused. The variety 'Zone' antique on the five-cent bright rose carmine overprint, appears unused and used, in either way extremely rare. There are a dozen copies of the rare eight-cent on third Panama issue, of which only four sheets were ever printed of the eight-cent variety with red-brown surcharge, there is an entire sheet of the fifth setting, showing the rare variety of antique type. Of this variety only about eight sheets were printed.

"The block of four of the ten-cent variety with 'Panama' surcharged double is extremely rare. The portrait issues shown give the numerous shades and rare varieties in blocks.

The Ackerman collection, if displayed in frames in its entirety, would fill the art gallery completely.

Former State Architect Poole has collected fifty-two pages from the two Ackerman albums, which are mounted in sixteen frames for exhibition. The balance of the collection is in the posession of Mr. Sterling, and is open to the inspection of all stamp collectors who attend the exhibit from a distance.

Mr. Poole's stamps from Chile are complete, containing every variety issued from 1853 to date, most in both used and unused conditions; a great many used pairs and some blocks of four and six stamps. The Siam collection is nearly complete in both unused and used conditions and includes many of the scarce surcharges and errors. They have mostly been obtained by exchanging with collectors in Siam, giving them scarce varieties of the United States.

Mr. Sterling's two frames containing four complete reconstructed sheets of United States Internal Revenue lock seals in ultramarine and brown, showing plate numbers 1 to 54 inclusive on each sheet, and series in red on each sheet, with consecutive control numbers. Mr. Sterling also shows four frames of very large stamps known as "tax paids," special tax, which are very showy and attractive and represent various sums from $3.60 to $500, that the manufacturers and dealers in liquor and tobacco pay yearly to the United States government to carry on their business.

British Colonial Unused

King's Heads, All Single C. A. Watermark
Prices Taken from Scott's 1911 Catalog
CHAS. S. OSGOOD, SALEM, MASS.

No.	Postage Extra.	Cat. Price.	My Pr.
35	**Bahamas** 1902, 2½p ultra	$0.18	$0.10
37	1902, 6p bistre brown	.20	.18
39	1902, 5sh violet & ultra	1.75	1.60
105	**Barbados** 1905, 6p pur. & blk.	.35	.25
106	1905, 1sh dull rose & black	.60	.40
63	**Br.C.Africa** 1903-04, 6p orn & blk	.40	.25
64	1903-04, 1sh blue & black	.50	.35
3	**Cayman Is.** 1902, ½p green	.12	.06
4	1902, 1p carmine	.18	.08
5	" 2½p ultramarine	.35	.25
6	" 6p chocolate	2.00	1.00
7	" 1sh brown orange	3.50	2.25
28	" 1sh green	1.00	.75
166	**Ceylon** 1903-04, 2c brown orange	.08	.05
170	" 6c carmine	.25	.18
174	" 30c violet & green	.40	.25
175	" 75c blue & orange	1.25	.70
176	" 1r 50 gray	7.00	5.00
40	**Cyprus** 1903, 1pi carm. & ultra.	.75	.50
41	1903, 2pi ultra. & maroon	3.00	2.00
42	" 4pi olive grn. & violet	1.75	1.00
43	" 6pi olive & green	2.25	1.25
44	" 9pi brown & carmine	6.00	4.00
45	" 12pi orange brn. & blk.	1.50	1.00
46	" 18pi black & brown	5.00	3.00
47	" 45pi violet & ultra	6.00	4.00
1	**E. Africa—Uganda** 1903, ½a gray green	.25	.15
2	1903, 1a scarlet & black	.12	.08
3	" 2a violet	.50	.35
4	" 2½a ultramarine	1.00	.60
5	" 3a green & brown	1.25	.75
6	" 4a black & green	.65	.45
7	" 5a brown & black	2.00	1.50
8	" 8a blue & black	1.25	.75
29	**Gambia** 1902-05, 1p carmine	.15	.08
30	1902-05, 2p orange & purple	.18	.10
33	" 4p brown & ultra	.35	.20
34	" 6p olive & rose	.50	.30
37	" 2sh black & orange	1.75	1.25
42	**Gibraltar** 1903, 6p violet & pur.	.50	.25
44	1903, 2sh green & ultra	2.25	1.60
45	" 4sh violet & green	2.50	1.50
41	**Gold Coast** 1902, 2½p vl. & ultra	.15	.08
43	1902, 6p violet & purple	.50	.20
55	**Grenada** 1902, 2sh grn. & ultra.	1.75	1.25
76	1906-08, 1sh green	.50	.35
45	**Lagos** 1903, 6p violet	2.50	1.25
46	1903, 1sh green & black	5.00	3.00
48	" 5sh green & ultra	10.00	6.00
21	**Leeward Is.** 1902, 1p vlt. & car.	.10	.03
22	1902, 2p violet & bistre	.18	.08
23	" 2½p violet & ultra.	.18	.08
24	" 3p violet & black	.25	.20
27	**Malta** 1903, 1sh purple & gray	.75	.40
15	**Montserrat** 1903, 2½ ultra. & blk	.20	.10
86	**Natal** 1902-03, 3p gray & violet	.15	.08
87	1902-03, 4p brown & scarlet	.50	.25
88	" 5p orange & black	.30	.15
89	" 6p maroon & green	.35	.18
90	" 1sh blue & rose	.65	.40
10	**No'rn Nigeria** 1902, ½p vl. & grn.	.08	.04
11	1902, 1p violet & carmine	.10	.05
12	" 2p violet & orange	.20	.10
13	" 2½p violet & ultra.	.20	.10
14	" 5p violet & brown	.45	.20
15	" 6p violet & purple	.75	.40
16	" 1sh green & black	1.50	.75
17	" 2sh 6p green & ultra.	3.00	1.60
65	**Sierra Leone** 1903, 1p vlt. & car.	.12	.06
71	1903, 5p violet & black	.50	.30
27	**Somaliland** 1904, ½a green	.05	.02
28	1904, 1a scarlet & black	.08	.04
32	" 4a black & green	.30	.15
33	" 6a purple & green	.35	.20
34	" 8a blue & black	.50	.40
35	" 12a ochre & black	.85	.50
1	**So. Nigeria** 1901, ½p grn. & blk.	.06	.03
2	1901, 1p carmine & black	.10	.04
3	" 2p brown & black	.25	.12
4	" 4p green & black	.50	.25
5	" 6p violet & black	.60	.30
6	" 1sh olive green & blk.	1.00	.75
7	" 2sh 6p brown & black	2.00	1.50
8	" 5sh yellow & black	5.00	3.00
10	1902, ½p green & black	.50	.18
11	" 1p rose & black	.12	.06
20	" 2½p ultra. & black	1.00	.50
13	" 4p olive green & blk.	.40	.20
15	" 1sh black & green	1.50	.85
99	**St.Settlement** 1902, 25c vl. & grn.	.50	.30
100	1902, 30c black and carmine	1.00	.50
101	" 50c green & carmine	1.25	.65
102	" $1 green & black	3.00	2.00
103	" $2 violet & black	4.25	2.25
104	" $5 green & orange	7.50	5.00
106	1903-04, 3c dull violet	.40	.15
14	**Malay States** 1901, 1c grn. & bl.	.25	.12
15	1901, 3c brown & black	.04	.03
16	" 4c carmine & black	.06	.04
17	" 5c carmine & yellow	.10	.06
18	" 8c ultra. & black	.12	.10
19	" 10c violet & black	.18	.12
20	" 20c black & violet	.50	.25
221	**Transvaal** 1902, 1p scarlet & blk.	.06	.03
222	1902, 2p violet & black	.10	.06
223	" 2½p ultra. & black	.25	.12
224	" 6p orange & b'ack	.35	.20
226	" 2sh brown & black	2.00	1.75
228	" 5sh violet & yellow	2.00	1.60
233	1903, 2sh yellow & black	3.00	2.00
76	**Uganda** 1902, ½a yellow & grn.	.12	.06
77	1902, 2½a dark blue	.25	.12

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* 6d gems (1.75)	.78
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* 1910, ½, 1c each	.01
Australian Comnl. 1902, 10d, 2sh each	.14
*Azores 1906, 2½, 5r, each 3c; 10r	.05
*Barbados 1907, 1f very scarce	.11
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*Belgium news 1863, 1c	.23
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*British Guiana 1898, 2c on 5, 10, 15c each	.07
*British Honduras 1888, 2c	.06
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* 1891, 6c either	.11
* 6c on 3d	.22
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*China 1885, 5c	.11
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Costa Rica 1901, 50c (.25)	.07
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Cuba any stamp catg. up to 12c for 3c.	
1862, 2r (.60)	.23
1898, 4m (the scarce one)	.33
1899, 3c (.06)	.02
1903, 50c (.25)	.09
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*Danish West Indies 1895, 10c on 50c	.17
1905, 20c	.07
1908, 25c	.03
Ecuador 1904, 50c (some ask more)	1.50
Egypt 1872, 2½ (.35)	.15
1892, 10pi (.12)	.05
Fiji 1880, 6d (.50)	.19
France 1900, 40, 50, 1fr, 1906, 45 each	.01
Military orange (.08)	.03
* Tchongking 1903, 20c	.11
Great Britain 1901, 2sh 6d and 5sh (.25) ea.	.11
Grenada 1875, ½d scarce	.33
1895, 3d pen cancl	.12
6d pen cancl	.22
*Guatemala 1882, 10c and 20c each	.04
Hawaii 1894, 1, 2, 5c	.06
1899, 1, 2, 5c	.09
* **Officials 2-25c only**	**2.25**
Hayti 1887, 1, 2, 3, 5c each	.07
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*Natal 1895, ½ on 1d	.03
Newfoundland 1876, 3c	.22
* 1887, 10c	.27
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* ½ on 1c bistre	.03
* ½ on 1c bl	.03
* ½ on 2c	.05
* ½ on 5c	.11
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No.		Cat. price.	My price
1	1890, 2c green and carmine	$ .10	**.05**
2	" 4c carmine and green	.10	**.05**
3	" 8c brown violet and blue	.20	**.10**
4	" 10c blue and brown	.30	**.15**
5	" 13c slate and black	.25	**.12**
6	" 16c orange br. & ultramarine	.60	**.30**
7	" 48c ochre and green	1.50	**1.00**
8	" 96c violet and carmine	4.00	**2.50**
9	1892, 3c on 4c carmine and green	.12	**.06**
10	" 12c on 16c orange br. & blue	.65	**.30**
11	" 15c on 16c orange br. & blue	.50	**.25**
12	" 45c on 48c ochre and green	2.00	**1.00**
13	" 90c on 96c violet and carmine	3.25	**2.00**
14	1893, 3c dark violet and orange	.05	**.02**
15	" 12c olive brown and green	.18	**.10**
16	" 15c olive and violet	.20	**.10**
17	" 45c brown and carmine	2.00	**1.25**
18	1896, 18c on 45c brown and carmine	.40	**.20**
19	" 36c on 45c brown and carmine	1.75	**1.25**
20	1897, 18c ultramarine	.25	**.15**
21	" 36c brown and carmine	2.50	**1.50**
22	" 1r violet and carmine	1.25	**.85**
23	1900, 2c orange brown and green	.03	**.02**
24	" 6c carmine	.06	**.04**
25	" 15c ultramarine	.12	**.08**
26	" 75c yellow and purple	1.50	**1.00**
27	" 1r 50c black and carmine	1.75	**1.25**
28	" 2r 25c violet and green	2.50	**1.75**
29	1901, 3c on 10c blue and brown	.18	**.10**
30	" 3c on 16c orange brown & blue	.25	**.15**
31	" 3c on 36c brown and carmine	.20	**.12**
32	" 6c on 8c brown violet & ultra	.18	**.10**
33	1902, 2c on 4c carmine & green	.50	**.40**
34	" 30c on 75c yellow and purple	.40	**.25**
35	" 30c on 1r violet and carmine	.50	**.35**
36	" 45c on 1r violet and carmine	.60	**.40**
37	" 45c on 2r 25c violet and green	1.00	**.80**
	SINGLE WATERMARKED		
38	1903, 2c carmine and green	.03	**.02**
39	" 3c green	.04	**.03**
40	" 6c carmine	.08	**.06**
41	" 12c olive brown and green	.12	**.10**
42	" 15c ultramarine	.15	**.10**
43	" 18c olive and carmine	.25	**.15**
44	" 30c purple and green	.30	**.20**
45	" 45c brown and carmine	.40	**.30**
46	" 75c yellow and purple	.50	**.40**
47	" 1r 50c black and carmine	1.25	**.95**
48	" 2r 25c red violet and green	2.50	**1.50**
49	" 3c on 15c ultramarine (scarce)	.50	**.40**
50	" 3c on 18c olive and carmine	.35	**.25**
51	" 3c on 45c brown and carmine	.20	**.15**
	MULTIPLE WATERMARKED		
52	1906, 2c red brown and green	.02	**.02**
53	" 3c green	.03	**.02**
54	" 6c carmine	.06	**.04**
55	" 12c olive brown and green	.09	**.08**
56	" 15c ultramarine	.12	**.10**
57	" 18c olive and carmine	.14	**.12**
58	" 30c purple and green	.16	**.14**
59	" 45c brown and carmine	.24	**.20**
60	" 75c yellow and purple	.40	**.35**
61	" 1r 50c black and carmine	.75	**.65**
62	" 2r 25c red violet and green	1.10	**1.00**

Special

		Cat. price.	My price.
47	St. Helena '96, 10p brown	$0.50	$0.19
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UNITED STATES.—L. Harald Kjellstedt writes: "Observing the plate numbers reported in the WEEKLY of Jan. 13, I am surprised to see that the reporter makes no reference to the 'A' which precedes the number on the Registry plates. At least, I suppose it is found on all the plates as so far, I have only seen A5720. As the explanation has been published that the 'A' is only used on the plates for the coiled stamps, its presence on the Registry plates will necessitate additional explanations. I have picked up the following 'A' plate numbers at Scranton recently, 1 cent—5566, 5572, 5573; 2c—5557, 5561 and 5667. I understand that 5557 was the first 'A' plate made."

We have received a number of communications regarding the varieties of the 2c Columbian stamp. As a matter of fact, as Miss Amy L. Swift pointed out in No. 1016, all these varieties were noted and mentioned while the stamps were still current, with the possible exception of the "shifted die" variety mentioned by Gen. Chas. A. Coolidge in the following letter:

"About a month ago I called the attention of the editor of the *Philatelic Gazette*, to the fact that there was a line and dot variety in the 2c Columbian, your type III; also single and double caps over the figures 2, to which he replied that he had received innumerable communications regarding varieties of that stamp and didn't care to publish the discoveries. Since then, however, Geo. Rice of Detroit and myself, have run across shifted die copies of the 2c Columbia. When the right verticle lines are distinctly doubled, I think this fact is so important that it ought to be recorded so that other collectors may be on the look out for specimens and preserve them, for it certainly is a rarity in any of the regular U. S. Stamps as far as I know."

Specimens of this shifted die variety have also been shown us by J. R. Belleville, Carl Moll, Peter Hylen and Arthur Barger. The latter says he has examined a large number of 2c Columbians and has found only three copies, with this newly discovered variety.

In this connection, our readers will be interested in the following from a recent number of the *Philatelic Gazette*:

"Since publishing and illustrating the plate variety of the 2c Columbian adhesive stamp in *The Gazette* of December 1, we have received several communications from readers claiming that there are many other plate varieties. This is true. There is no United States stamp but what will be found many plate varieties if each stamp is examined critically with a magnifying glass. H. Harenburg, of Paterson, N. J., showed us 20 plate varieties of the 2c Columbian adhesive, which he picked out of 18,000 used copies. This certainly shows patience as well as perseverance. Many of these, however, were not plate varieties, but evidently caused by defective inking." At George R. Tuttle's auction sale on December 30, a mint block of the 2c Columbian with the plate variety with broken line, brought $2.80.

The *Philatelic Gazette* says that the George Washington and Martha Washington reply card has been issued in a new color.

Reply Post Card.

1cx1c green.

It was recently stated in *Ewen's Weekly Stamp News* that the 50 cents and $1.00 Postal Savings stamps had been issued with the new single lined watermark. Mr. J. E. Ralph, the director of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, writes to the *Philatelic Gazette* as follows, which disposes of the error in regard to the new watermark:

"I am in receipt of your letter of the 5th instant in which you state that you have seen the announcement in print that the 50-cent and $1.00 official United States Postal Savings stamps have appeared on paper showing the watermark in single-lined letters and requesting me to advise you whether or not the above named stamps have appeared with the new watermark.

"In reply I beg to state that the only official United States Postal Savings Bank stamps that have been printed by this Bureau were 3,000 sheets of 50-cent and 2,820 sheets of $1.00 stamps, all printed on what is denominated as the double-lined watermarked paper, none of these stamps having been printed on the new single-lined watermarked paper."

Daniel J. Kaib, reports Minneapolis, Minn., 8c 1911, normal, and Baltimore, Md., 6c 1911, normal, Gothic caps, between double lines; and Maitland Milliken says: The stamps I have are the current 4c brown and 10c yellow, overprinted with "Pueblo, Colo." in rather long capitals; but as both fail to send specimen stamps, Mr. Eldredge cannot properly chronicle them.

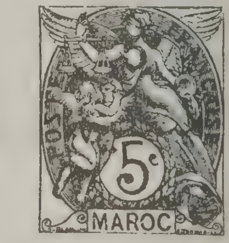
CANADA.—The New England Stamp Co. has shown us the 5c and 10c values of the new King George set. They were informed that the 7c and 20c values were to have been placed on sale at Ottawa Jan. 22. Like the 1c and 2c values the colors of the new stamps are much deeper than the previous issue, while the paper appears whiter—at least the plates are wiped cleaner in printing.

Adhesives.

5c dark blue.
10c violet brown.

FRANCE.—*Offices in Morocco.*—We find that there are two varieties of the surcharge on the stamps chronicled in Nos. 1095 and 1096, the difference being in the native inscription,—the two words "Centimos" and "franc" of course requiring different characters. We also find that the postage due stamps of 1908-10 mentioned in No. 1096 as having received the new surcharge, were really the stamps fo "Recouvrements," which Scott's does not recognize.

We present herewith an illustration of the new surcharged stamp recently chronicled in this department.



GERMANY.—The Imperial Postal authorities have inaugurated a new idea in connection with the printing of the ordinary stamps of the empire. This consists of an advertisement which appears in one of the places usually occupied by a stamp. It is suggested that these are to be found in stamp books, but as to this we are not able to state definitely. Gust. G. Volger sends us a cover having both the 5pf and 10pf, with accompanying advertisements, these being all we have yet seen.

GREAT BRITAIN.—Fred J. Melville has shown us the re-engraved 1d King George stamp,—or possibly it would better be called a retouched die. The principal differences are in the beard and moustache of the King, which are

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now distinguishable as such, while the King's left eye is no longer a smudge of color, and in the lion, whose exposed side is now shaded all over. The stamp is improved, but is still vastly inferior to the beautiful series just started in Canada. *Ewen's Weekly* says the ½d also shows improvement in the printing of the portrait of the King.

NICARAGUA.—Hermann Focke sends us six values of the pretty new set printed for Nicaragua by the Waterlows of London, and placed on sale Jan. 1. The stamps are of smaller size than the last issue, a trifle larger than the current United States stamps, and are well printed, as usual with the output of the Waterlows. The design represents a standing figure of a woman, holding a flag in her right hand and an olive branch in her left. The captious critic may say that the figure is out of perspective, the flag and the olive branch being too large for the size of the woman, but the general effect is pleasing. The figures of value appear in small ovals or circles in each of the corners, with "Republica de—Nicaragua," in two slightly curved lines at the top. "Correos 1911" is printed at either side of the central opening, reading up on the left and down on the right. At the bottom, "Centavos" is placed between the figures of value. The stamps are printed on white, unwatermarked paper, and all that we have seen have been printed in a single color, except the 5c, which has the centre in black, the colors of the frame and the centre running together, as in the new Rhodesia stamps. Apparently the other values are printed at one impression, though this is not certain, though the figure is accurately placed on all values seen, except the 5c, on which it is shifted to the left and upward. Mr. Focke is informed that there is a 25c value, also, but we are unable to chronicle it. It is stated that the benevolent person, who advanced the money to the Nicaraguan Government to buy these stamps, was allowed to retain two values of the new issue, and the query at once arises as to which values are to be thus withheld. Possibly the 3c is one of them?

Mr. Focke also sends us two new provisionals from Nicaragua, the 2c railroad stamps, surcharged "Timbre Fiscal—Vale 5 ctvs." in red and "Timbre Fiscal—Vale 5 cents" in black, having received the additional surcharge of "Correo—Vale—5 cts—1911" in red on the face of the stamp. Mr. Focke asks "How long will it be before we are treated to another flood of surcharges?" and the answer is easy.

Adhesives.

1c yellow green.
2c rose red.
4c lake brown
5c Prussian blue and black.
6c yellow brown.
10c brown red.

SALVADOR.—The E. B. Cookson Co. has shown us a provisional envelope of the 1903 type, the old values being obliterated by large figures in black, and the date "1911," in small figures on the base of the monument.

Provisional Envelope.

"6" on 10c violet.

SWEDEN.—With the vagaries of watermark, some of which have already been noted, Sweden is qualifying for an advanced standing among the countries presenting a long list of varieties for the consideration of philatelists. Through the courtesy of the New England Stamp Co. we have been privileged to examine a complete set of the adhesive and official stamps of the Kingdom on sale in the principal post office of the realm, January 1. The list with watermarks is as follows:

Adhesives—
Watermarked crown, 1, 2, 4, 5, and 10 ore; 1kr.
Watermarked wavy lines, 2 and 4 ore.
No watermark, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 and 35 ore.

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Watermarked crown, 1, 2, 4, 5, 8, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 and 50 ore; 5kr.
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WITH THE BOY PHILATELIST.

Edited by BERTRAM W. H. POOLE, Box 231, Altadena, Calif.

We propose to insert upon this page matter that will be of interest to the boy collector. Some two thousand boys are now on our mailing list and it is our desire to come closely in contact with them in such a manner as will be most helpful. Any information desired will be cheerfully rendered through these columns. Do not submit stamps for examination.

THE CROWN A WATERMARK OF AUSTRALIA.

Although the Australian Commonwealth has been an accomplished fact for eleven years, the permanent set of stamps for use throughout the several states forming this union has not yet materialised. Unification has, since 1905, been effected to the small extent of employing a watermark consisting of a Crown over the letter "A" but even of this device there are three distinct varieties. The paper supplied to the Government printing establishment of Sydney, New South Wales, shows a small Crown over a single-lined "A"; that used at Melbourne, Victoria, has a large Crown over a double-lined "A"; while the paper employed at the printing office at Adelaide, South Australia, shows a Large Crown over a single-lined "A". These watermarks, therefore, are the distinguishing marks of the stamps printed at these several establishments except in the case of certain New South Wales stamps with the Melbourne watermark. These stamps were printed in Sydney on paper borrowed from Victoria.

As a further step towards unification it has now been decreed that in future one type of watermark only shall be used, viz., that of South Australia with a large Royal Crown over a single-lined "A". Pending the issue of the Commonwealth stamps proper, therefore new varieties of watermark may be looked for on the stamps of Victoria, New South Wales, Queensland, Western Australia, and Tasmania.

The above notes refer to the stamps of ordinary size, but in addition, it will be remembered, the large stamps of Queensland and New South Wales show distinctive varieties of the Crown A watermark. These also will give place to the South Australian type.

THE 2c UNITED STATES STAMP OF 1863.

A correspondent tells me he has a copy of the 2c stamp of 1863, with portrait of Andrew Jackson, which is pen-cancelled "June 27 1861", and he asks whether this is an error in the date of the cancellation or not. Most assuredly it is and my correspondent may rest perfectly satisfied that this stamp was not issued until 1863. In fact, it was not until March 3rd, 1863, that the Act of Congress was passed making this 2c stamp necessary. By the provisions of this Act, carriers fees were abolished and the prepaid rate for drop letters was fixed at 2 cents. As no stamp of this denomination was included in the then current series one had to be issued and this new label was placed in circulation on July 1st, 1863.

A CORRECTION.

Mr. H. C. Barr sends the following interesting information regarding a reply to a correspondent in the WEEKLY for December 23rd: "In your reply to L. C. S. (Rushford) you state that revenue stamps found on a small photograph were probably placed there by a collector. I take it for granted that L. C. S. has found some revenue stamps on the back of an *old* photograph and wonders why they were placed there. For some time after our civil war photographs were taxed the same as playing cards, and, while I have never seen any official or philatelic mention of their use, I have taken many of them from old photographs. In fact, in my youthful days, I never visited at a strange house where I did not at once look up the old family photograph album, and under the pretence of looking at the photographs, examine the backs for revenue stamps. A request for these would generally be granted, with the result of my securing, at times, quite valuable specimens."

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Mr. Armin D. Schultz writes as follows:—"Lately I received a letter from England, upon which a cut-square stamp paid postage. It was a one penny carmine on white, King's head, and was simply pasted on the letter. Is this generally allowed in Great Britain and does any other country allow it?" Yes, stamps impressed on envelopes, postcards, telegraph forms, wrappers and letter cards may all be cut out and used as adhesive stamps in Great Britain. They were made available for use in this manner by virtue of a Warrant issued by the Postmaster-General on December 7th, 1904 the regulation coming into force on January 1st, 1905. Previous to this, anyone unfortunate enough to spoil any stamped stationery had to take the envelope, etc., to Somerset House to recover its value. To obviate the time and trouble wasted in this manner the honest, simple plan of allowing the stamps to be cut out and used as adhesives was brought into force. Stamps cut from Registration envelopes may likewise be cut out and used in payment of the registration fee on insured letters or parcels. The same system obtains in the British Colony of Malta but whether it is allowed anywhere else or not I cannot say.

SHORT REPLIES.

F. R. H. (Wichita, Kans.)—Pre-cancelled stamps are, I believe, not obliterated, but Mr. Kidder will be able to give you more information on this subject than I can.

A. E. S. (Loomis).—You will find an answer to your query regarding the 2c stamp of 1863 above. I am sorry I can give you no information regarding auction prices.

F. J. P., Jr., (Richmond).—Yes, Whitfield King's catalogue contains illustrations of United States stamps.

S. N. S. (Castile, N. Y.).—All the Chilean stamps of the 1910 series are printed in two colors, hence, as two operations are necessary, the absolutely correct centering of the vignette is not always possible. The varieties you mention are simply due to the central design being a little out of position and their philatelic interest and importance is, therefore, nil.

E. R. S. (Wilmington).—Your 5c Honduras stamp of 1898 printed in purple instead of blue is an error of color. It is quite common, however, being priced in the 1912 Gibbons' catalogue at 25c.

J. B. C. (Shobonier, Ill.).—The "surcharge" shown on your Indian stamps is only a private mark affixed by some firm or other to prevent the pilfering of its stamps by employees. Stamps marked in this manner correspond with those punctured with firms' initials and the varieties are of no philatelic interest. (2) The envelope stamps you refer to were issued in 1861 and 1864 respectively. They are Scott's numbers 1330 and 1350. (3) You will find a list of the Nevada State Revenue stamps in Kenyon's list of U. S. State Revenues. I am sorry I do not know where this book may be obtained at present.

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23	1863	1sh lake	1.60	.85
24	1866	2c green	1.00	.75
24a	1866	2c on yellow	2.00	1.25
26	1866	10c black	3.00	1.50
26a	1866	10c on yellow	..	15.00
27	1866	12c pale red brown	1.00	.75
27a	1866	12c on yellow	6.00	3.50
28	1866	13c orange	1.25	.85
28c	1866	13c on yellow	..	5.00
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To Dealers: Wholesale list just published contains many stamps not usually sold wholesale.[03

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TWO PHILADELPHIA SALES.

As this issue of the WEEKLY is coming from the press the Philadelphia Stamp Co. is enjoying a two days' sale, when the collection of the late Dr. F. R. Perry is being disposed of. The contents of the sale covers a wide variety, including a fine line of both U. S. and foreign stamps. Feb. 16-17 will occur the H. Wm. Martaens sale.

The Klein sale slated for Jan. 29-30-31 is one of more than ordinary importance. Nearly 1700 lots are to be sold, comprising a superb collection of unused United States and foreign, the property of Mrs. Florence Ketch of Rutherford, N. J. Mr. Klein announces the celebrated stamp collection of Victor Dupont, Jr., of Wilmington, Del., which will be sold February 27.

WASHINGTON PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

By J. FINNEY ENGLE.

The 72nd regular meeting was held January 10, 1912. Nineteen members and three visitors were present. The librarian was directed to subscribe for six philatelic papers, to be sent out to members every two weeks. The treasurer reported balance in general fund, $31.31; Insurance fund, $18.15. E. A. Colson and G. A. Martin were elected as members. R. von Rentlinger and G. H. Burfiend made application for membership. A. N. Candell read an interesting paper on U. S. Imperforates and exhibited his collection. Mr. Hammelman exhibited his medal collection of "First Things issued by the U. S." Mr. Cowles was appointed to prepare a paper forations U. S. stamps". An auction sale was held. Next meeting will be February 14.

AN EXCEPTIONAL OFFER

500 all different varieties 20th Century postage stamps. All stamps in **good condition and free from paper. You** can use this packet no matter how large or small your collection may be. Contains those **hard to get kind from 1900 to date. You** can use this lot to fill in those blank spaces in your album. Look through any retail or wholesale list and you will see that the prices on these packets are from **$7.50 to $12.00** each. **I offer you one at only $2.25.** Lowest price ever quoted for such a packet. **A Bargain at $2.25.** [tf

M. OHLMANN, 19 East 98 St., N. Y. City.

W. H. Peckitt's New Wholesale List for Dealers containing prices for a number of better class stamps not usually sold wholesale, sent post free upon receipt of business card or heading

47 Strand, London, W. C. [08

Retail & Wholesale! Many 80% Off!

CASH OR CHECK WITH ORDER.

U. S.	Catalog.	My Pr.
1847, 5c red brown, unused o. g.	$8.50	$2.80
“ 10c black, unused no gum	35.00	9.00
“ “ “ used	5.00	2.25
1851, 1c Type II unused o. g.	2.50	.95
“ 1c “ used	.40	.20
“ 3c red, unused o. g.	1.50	.50
“ 10c green, “ “	15.00	4.90
1857, 1c Type III unused o. g.	.50	.20
“ 5c brown, Type I, used	4.00	1.50
“ 10c green, used	.60	.20
“ 12c black, “	1.50	.55
“ 24c lilac, “	4.00	1.55
“ 30c orange, (unused $4) used	6.00	2.50
“ 90c blue, unused o. g.	20.00	8.50
1861, 3c pink, (real pink), used	7.50	2.50
“ 5c buff, used	7.50	2.95
“ 10c green, used	.20	.08
“ 12c or 30c each used	.75	.30
“ 90c blue, used	4.00	1.60
1862, 2c black Jackson, unused	.75	.25
“ 5c red brown, used	3.50	1.35
“ 5c brown “	.60	.25
“ 15c blk. Lincoln used	.75	.25
1867, 15c “ grill 9x13 used	1.00	.30
“ 30c orange, “ “ “	4.00	1.20
“ 90c blue, “ “ “	12.00	4.95
1869, 1c buff, (used 30c) unused o. g.	1.25	.50
“ 2c brown, “ 8c “ “	1.00	.30
“ 3c blue, “ 1c “ “	.75	.25
“ 6c blue, “ 30c “ “	4.00	1.35
“ 10c yellow, “ 35c “ “	6.00	2.25
“ 12c green, “ 30c “ “	4.00	1.50
“ 15c br & blue, used 55c unused o. g.	6.00	2.25
“ 24c green & violet, used	5.00	2.20
“ 30c blue & carmine, “	3.50	1.40
“ 90c bk. & car., unused o. g.	40.00	16.95
1870, 1c blue, grill used	.50	.17
“ 7c vermilion, grill used	3.50	1.25
1871, 1c ultram., unused o. g.	3.50	.95
“ 2c red brown, “ “	1.50	.50
“ 3c green, “ “	2.00	.45
“ 6c carmine “ “	3.50	1.00
“ 7c verm., (used 35c) unused o. g.	6.00	1.75
“ 10c or 12c each “ “	8.00	2.00
“ 15c bright orange, “ “	5.00	1.50
“ 24c purp., (used 60c) “ “	12.50	4.00
“ 90c carmine, used	1.25	.55
1873, 7c, 12c or 15c, each used	..	.30
“ 10c brown, unused o. g.	5.00	1.50
“ 30c g'y black “ “	10.00	3.75
“ 90c carmine, “	2.50	.95
1875, 2c vermilion, unused o. g.	1.25	.30
“ 5c blue Taylor, “ “	2.50	.65
1879, 6c pink, “ “	2.00	.65
“ 10c br., No. 187 “ “	5.00	1.50
“ 10c “ “ 188 “ “	3.00	.95
1895, 50c orange, unused o. g.	1.50	.70
“ $1 black, “ “	2.00	1.35
“ $5 green, “ “	9.00	6.00
Agriculture 1-30c complete, unused o. g.	34.00	14.75
State 1c-90c complete “ “	54.00	19.75
“ $2 lightly used	20.00	8.50
Interior 30c vermilion used	.75	.25
“ 90c “ “	2.50	.95
Justice 1c unused o. g.	1.50	.55
“ 12c heavy cancelled	2.00	.45
“ 24c lightly “	12.50	4.95
“ 30c “ “	15.00	5.00
“ 90c “ “	27.50	11.75
“ 90c unused o. g.	37.50	15.00

	Catalog.	My Pr.
Navy 1c “ “	1.25	.45
“ 12c “ “	1.50	.55
“ 7c or 90c used each	9.00	3.50
“ 24c or 30c “ “	..	1.25
Post-office 6c unused o. g.	.30	.08
“ 12c or 30c used each	..	.30
Treasury 7c brown used	1.50	.50
“ 10c or 12c “ each	..	.07
“ 6c unused o. g.	.25	.09
“ 15c “ “	.50	.18
“ 30c “ “	.60	.25
“ 90c “ “	2.00	.70
“ 24c lightly used	3.00	1.00
War 7c rose unused o. g.	2.00	.65
“ 12c, 15c or 24c unused o. g. each	..	.12
Newspaper 1865, big, 5c blue new	2.50	1.00
“ “ “ 10c green “	5.00	2.00
“ “ “ 25c red “	6.00	2.00
“ 1875, 2c black, “	.50	.15
“ “ 4c “ “	.75	.20
“ “ 8c “ “	2.50	.65
“ “ 9c “ “	10.00	2.75
“ “ 12c rose mint	2.50	.50
“ “ 24c “ “	2.00	.60
“ “ 96c “ “	10.00	2.50
“ “ 3.00 vermilion, mint	7.50	3.25
“ “ 6.00 ultra, “	12 00	5.00
“ “ 9.00 yellow, “	20.00	9.00
“ “ 12.00 green, “	25.00	11.75
“ “ 36.00 br. rose “	45.00	19.75
“ “ 48.00 red brown “	60.00	25.00
REVENUES Perforated 1861		
1c Playing Cards	3.00	1.20
2c Certificate, orange	.40	.10
3c Playing Cards	6.00	2.00
4c “	8.00	3.00
5c “	.75	.19
10c Prop. or For. Exch	..	.16
20c Foreign Exch	1.00	.30
25c Warehouse Receipt	.60	.16
50c Passage Ticket	.20	.05
50c “ 10 copies for	2.00	.45
50c Foreign Exchange	.50	.15
50c Probate of Will	.75	.16
50c “ “ 10 copies for	7.50	1.50
$1 Manifest	.60	.20
$1 Mortgage	3.00	.65
$1 Passage Ticket	6.00	.95
$1.30 Inland Exchange	1.00	.30
$2.00 Probate of Will	1.00	.35
$5 Manifest	2.50	.70
$5 Probate of Will	.85	.30
$10 Charter Party	.85	.30
$15 Mortgage	6.00	2.20
$25 “	4.00	1.50
6c blue & black, 2nd issue, scarce	2.00	.60
“ “ “ 10 copies	20.00	5.00
1c “ “	.75	.25
4c “ “	.60	.20
15c “ “	.50	.15
30, 40 or 70c blue & blk., 2d issue, each	.75	.25
$10.00 black and green, 3rd issue	3.00	1.00
$5.00 “ vermilion, “	.75	.25
$15.00 “ orange, “	15.00	6.00
1898 issue, 1c gr'n., sm. I.R., unused	.15	.05
“ “ 1c “ I.R. inverted “	3.00	1.00
“ “ 2c car. “ “	.40	.18
“ “ 80c bistre (10 for 45c), used	.15	.05
“ “ $100 yel., br. & blk., light cut	6.00	2.00
“ “ $500 lake and blk., “ “	40.00	18.00

	Catalog.	My Pr.
Antigua 1863, 1p vermilion	1.25	.40
“ “ 6p green	1.25	.45
“ 1882, 2½p brown	1.00	.30
“ “ 4p blue	.40	.15
Barbados 1871, ½p green	1.25	.40
“ 1p blue	2.50	.70
“ 6p vermilion	1.25	.50
“ 1873, 1sh black	1.25	.45
“ 1874, 4p rose red	1.00	.40
“ 6p yellow	.75	.30
“ 1sh purple	1.50	.50
Bavaria 1850, 18kr yellow	1.25	.50
“ 1862, 18kr red	1.00	.40
British Columbia 1866, 3p blue	1.50	.50
British Honduras 1872, 1p blue	1.25	.40
“ “ 3p brown	3.00	1.20
“ “ 1sh green	3.50	1.45
“ 1879, 4p violet	1.00	.35
“ 1884, 1p rose	.25	.10
Canada 1855, 10p blue, fair margins	7.50	3.00
“ 1857, 6p violet, extra “	12.00	5.00
“ 1857, 3p red No. 12	3.00	1.00
“ 1859, 10c red lilac	.75	.30
“ 2c rose, unused	1.75	.55
“ 12½c green	.60	.25
“ 1868, ½c black	.30	.10
“ 1868, 6c brown	.25	.10
“ 1875, 5c olive green	1.25	.50
“ 1897, Jubilee ½c bk. unused	.30	.14
“ “ 2c or 3c, unused	..	.04
“ “ 6c brown “	.75	.37
“ “ 8c or 10c “	..	.17
“ “ 15c at 22c; 20c unused	..	.35
“ “ 50c at 60c; $1.00 unused	..	1.25
Cape of G. H. Triangular 1853, 1p	1.85	.85
Tri., 1853, 6p lilac, No. 5	3.00	1.00
“ 1sh green No. 6a	5.00	2.00
“ Cpl. Triangulars in pairs	& blocks.	
Danish West Indies 1855, 3c rose	.65	.30
1872, 4c blue, unused	7.50	2.75
1873, 7c, “	.50	.20
“ 12c, “	.25	.12
“ 14c, “	15.00	4.95
“ 50c, “	1.25	.55
1887, 1c on 7c	1.00	.35
1895, 10c on 50c, unused	.40	.17
1902, 2c on 3c, “	.15	.07
“ 8c on 10c “	.40	.15
“ 2c on 3c, No. 27, unused	.20	.08
“ 8c on 10c, No. 28, “	.25	.12
Denmark 1870, 48sk, very fine	3.00	1.25
Gt. Britain 1862, 9p straw	2.00	.80
“ “ 1sh green	.60	.25
“ 1865, 1sh green	.20	.08
“ 1867, 9p bistre	1.50	.55
“ “ 10p red brown	1.50	.55
“ “ 2sh blue	.75	.30
“ “ 5sh rose	2.00	.60
“ 1872, 1sh green	.50	.20
“ 1876, 8p orange	1.25	.50
“ 1878, 10sh slate	7.50	3.20
“ “ 1 pound lilac	12.00	5.00
“ 1882, 5 “ orange	12.50	9.00
Greece Olympian 1906, 1d blk	.25	.10
“ “ 2d rose	.65	.25

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Hawaii 1864, 6c green	.75	.25
1864, 2c vermilion, unused o. g.	.75	.25
“ 18c dull rose, “ “	2.50	.40
1883, 12c red lilac, “ “	2.50	1.00
“ 25c violet	3.00	1.20
“ 50c rose red	7.00	2.75
“ $1.00 rose red, extra fine	10.00	4.00
1886, 2c carmine No. 51, unused	.75	.35
“ “ complete sheet of 15, unused	11.25	4.50
1893, 6c or 12c each, unused	.60	.20
“ 1c purple or 1c blue, unused	.20	.07
“ 2c brown, unused	.30	.10
“ 10c blk. or 10c verm., unused	.40	.16
“ 12c red lilac, red surc., “	5.00	2.00
“ 25c violet unused	1.50	.45
“ 50c red “	2.00	.90
“ 1.00 red “	3.50	1.70
Leeward Is. 1897, Jub. ½p, unused	.60	.25
“ 1897, Jubilee, 1p, unused	.60	.25
“ “ 2½, “	.50	.20
“ “ 4p, “	1.50	.65
“ “ 6p, “	2.50	1.00
Liberia 1885, 32c blue, unused	1.00	.35
COMPLETE SETS		
Abyssina 1894 or 1896 ¼-16g	.98	.40
Austria 1907, 1h to 2kr, 15 var	.39	.09
Bolivia 1894, 1c-100c, 7 var	.39	.08
“ 1897, 1c-1b, unused 7 var	.96	.40
China 1878, 1, 3, 5c, complete	2.00	.66
“ Kewkiang, ½ to 40c (10) compl.	2.24	,30
Colombia, Bolivar 1882, 5 & 10 peso	3.00	.80
Bolivar, 1883, 5c-1 peso	1.90	.65
“ 1885, “	1.90	.60
Corea 1885-86, 5 to 100m, unused	.75	.35
“ 1895, 5 to 50p, unused	.58	.20
Dominican 1880, 1c-1p, 9 var. unused	2.36	.95
1881, 1c-1p, complete, 9 var., “	3.01	1.20
1900, Maps, ¼-1p, cpl. 9 var., “	.73	.25
1902, 1, 5, 12, 20 & 50c inverted “	7.50	2.50
Fernando Po 1900, 5, 10, 15, 20c “	1.33	.40
“ “ 5, 10, 15, 20, 40, 60, 80c unused	4.68	1.20
Ecuador 1894, 1c-5s 8 var., unused	3.64	.75
“ 1897, “ “ “	1.08	.40
“ 1899, “ “ “	1.66	.60
Guam, complete, 1c-$1.00, “	18.05	9.00
Hayti 1904, 1c-50c “	.48	.12
“ “ 10 sets, unused for	4.80	1.00
Montenegro 1897, Jub. 1n-2fl 12 var.	2.12	.80
1902, 1h-5kr, unused 9 var.	1.82	.85
1905, 1h-5kr, unused 9 var	2.59	1.20
1902, due 5h-1k, unused 5 var.	.50	.20
Mozambique Co. 1892, 5-300r, unused 9 var	1.12	.40
N. Borneo 1904, surch. big "4", 5c to $10 cpl. unused 12 var	2.95	1.30
Persia 1894, 1c-50kr compl., unused 11 var	1.66	.65
1898, 1c-50kr cpl., unused 16 var.	2.34	.75
1899, 1c-50kr cpl., unused 16 var.	3.54	.85
Samoa 1899, ½p-2sh 6d, unused 8 var.	2.70	.80
Servia 1901, 5p to 1d, unused 7 var.	.53	.20
1904, deathmask 5p-5d unused 8 var.	5.13	1.50
1905, 1p-1d, used 9 var	.56	.15
Nyassa 1901, 2½-300 giraf. used 13 var.	.86	.28
Prince Ed. Isld. cpl. mostly unused	12.50	4.90
500 Varieties Foreign, Fine Packet	..	.60
1000 Varieties, Cat. $30, Our Leader	..	1.80

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No.		Cat.	My Price
31	used 1c blue	$0.40	$0.16
31	unused 1c blue	2.50	.90
33	used 3c dull red	.03	.01
33	unused 3c dull red	1.50	.60
36	used 12c black	2.00	.80
42	used 1c blue	.15	.06
42	unused 1c blue	.50	.19
43	used 3c rose	.25	.10
43	unused 3c rose	12.50	4.00
48A	unused 5c brown	7.50	3.40
50	used 10c dark green	.50	.19
50	unused 10c dark green	2.50	1.00
51	used 12c black	1.50	.60
51	unused 12c black	3.00	1.25
52	used 24c lilac	4.00	1.50
52	unused 24c lilac	6.00	2.25
63	used 1c blue	.10	.03
67	unused 5c buff	50.00	15.00
68	unused 10c yellow green	2.00	.80
69	unused 12c black	2.50	1.00
70	used 24c red lilac	1.00	.35
70	unused 24c red lilac	20.00	6.50
71	unused 30c orange	5.00	1.90
72	used 90c blue	3.50	1.45
73	used 2c black	.10	.03
73	unused 2c black	.75	.28
75	used 5c red brown	3.50	1.45
75	unused 5c red brown	20.00	6.50
76	used 5c brown	.60	.22
76	unused 5c brown	4.00	1.50
76A	" 5c black brown	15.00	4.75
77	used 15c black	.75	.28
77	unused 15c black	10.00	3.50
78	used 24c lilac	.60	.22
78	unused 24c lilac	4.00	1.50
87	used 2c black	.20	.07
90	unused 12c black	8.00	3.65
91	used 15c black	3.00	1.25
91	unused 15c black	25.00	7.50
95	used 5c brown	4.00	1.50
95	unused 5c brown	15.00	4.75
96	used 10c yellow green	.75	.28
97	used 12c black	.75	.28
97	unused 12c black	5.00	1.90
98	used 15c black	1.00	.35
98	unused 15c black	10.00	4.00
99	used 24c gray lilac	5.00	1.90
100	used 30c orange	4.00	1.50
101	used 90c blue	12.00	4.00
112	unused 1c buff	1.25	.45
113	used 2c brown	.20	.07
113	unused 2c brown	1.00	.35
114	unused 3c blue	.75	.28
115	used 6c blue	.75	.28
115	unused 6c blue	4.00	1.50
116	unused 10c yellow	6.00	2.25
117	used 12c green	.75	.28
117	unused 12c green	4.00	1.50
118	used 15c brown & blue	3.50	1.45
118	unused 15c brown & blue	12.50	4.00
119	used 15c brown & blue	1.50	.60
119	unused 15c brown & blue	6.00	2.25
120	used 24c green & violet	5.00	1.90
120	unused 24c green & violet	12.50	4.00
121	used 30c blue & carmine	3.50	1.45
121	unused 30c blue & carmine	15.00	4.75
122	used 90c black & carmine	15.00	*10.00
122	unused 90c black & carmine	40.00	15.00
124	used 2c brown	5.50	2.00
125	used 3c blue	10.00	4.00
126	used 6c blue	8.00	3.65
127	unused 10c yellow	12.50	4.00
134	unused 1c ultramarine	7.50	3.40
136	used 3c green	.05	.02
136	unused 3c green	2.50	1.00
137	used 6c carmine	3.50	1.45
137	unused 6c carmine	15.00	4.75
141	unused 15c orange	25.00	8.00
143	used 30c black	12.50	4.00
145	used 1c ultramarine	.15	.06
145	unused 1c ultramarine	3.50	1.45

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No.		Cat.	My Price
146	used 2c red brown	.05	.02
146	unused 2c red brown	1.50	.60
147	used 3c green	.03	.01
147	unused 3c green	2.00	.80
148	used 6c carmine	.15	.06
148	unused 6c carmine	3.50	1.45
149	used 7c vermilion	.75	.28
149	unused 7c vermilion	6.00	2.25
150	unused 10c brown	8.00	3.65
151	used 12c dull violet	.50	.19
151	unused 12c dull violet	8.00	3.65
152	used 15c bright orange	.75	.28
152	unused 15c bright orange	5.00	1.90
153	used 24c purple	1.50	.60
153	unused 24c purple	12.50	4.00
154	used 30c full black	.60	.22
156	used 1c dark ultramarine	.03	.01
156	unused 1c dark ultramarine	1.00	.35
156A	unused 1c ultramarine	1.25	.45
157	unused 2c brown	1.50	.60
158	unused 3c green	1.00	.35
159	unused 6c dull pink	1.75	.65
160	used 7c orange ver.	.75	.28
160	unused 7c orange vermilion	6.00	2.25
161	used 10c brown	.08	.03
161	unused 10c brown	5.00	1.90
162	used 12c blackish violet	.50	.19
162	unused 12c blackish violet	12.00	4.00
163	used 15c yellow orange	1.00	.35
163	unused 15c yellow orange	17.50	6.00
165	used 30c gray black	.50	.19
165	unused 30c gray black	10.00	3.80
165A	used 30c greenish black	.75	.28
166	used 90c rose carmine	2.50	1.00
178	used 2c vermilion	.05	.02
178	unused 2c vermilion	1.25	.45
179	used 5c blue	.10	.02
179	unused 5c blue	2.50	1.00
182	used 1c ultramarine	.05	.02
182	unused 1c ultramarine	1.00	.35
183	unused 2c vermilion	.25	.10
184	unused 3c green	.40	.15
185	used 5c blue	.06	.02
187	used 10c yellow brown	.15	.06
188	used 10c brown	.05	.02
188	unused 10c brown	3.00	1.25
188A	used 10c black brown	.50	.19
189	unused 15c red orange	.40	.15
189A	unused 15c orange	2.00	.80
190	used 30c full black	.25	.10
190	unused 30c full black	2.00	.80
191	unused 90c carmine	7.50	3.40
205	used 5c yellow brown	.05	.02
205	unused 5c yellow brown	.50	.19
209	unused 10c brown	.50	.19
209B	used 10c black brown	.25	.10
215	used 4c carmine	.05	.02
216	used 5c indigo	.04	.01
220B	used 2c carmine	.08	.03
220C	used 2c carmine	.12	.04
227	used 15c indigo	.08	.03
229	used 90c orange	.60	.28
243	unused 3.00 yellow green	5.00	3.30
244	unused 4.00 crimson lake	5.50	4.40
245	unused 5.00 black	7.00	5.50
246	unused 1c pale ultra	.10	.04
259	used 15c dark blue	.10	.04
275	used 50c orange	.18	.08
276	used 1.00 black	.50	.22
310	used 50c orange	.18	.07
311	used 1.00 black	.40	.15
	"Columbian" 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8 & 10c, set	.37	.17
	'02-3, used, 1c to $1.00 inclusive, set	.78	.40
	Jamestown, 1, 2 & 5c, used, set	.09	.04
	'08-9, used, 1c to $1, inclusive, set	.74	.38
	'08-9, used, 1c to 5c, imperf., set	.32	.10
	No. 331 unused, 13c sea green	.25	.15
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Meetings first (informal) and third (regular) Tuesdays, Room 322, Tremont Bdg., 7.30 P. M.

BOSTON, MASS., Jan. 16, 1912.

The 262nd (regular) meeting of the Society, being the Annual Meeting, was held at the Club Room this evening at 8 o'clock. Pres. Wylie occupied the chair and 48 members and friends were present.

Annual reports were presented from the President, Secretary, Treasurer, Supt. of Sales, Supt. of the Bourse, Library, Expert, and Entertainment Committees. Mr. Fowle made a report of progress for the Committee on Anniversary Meeting in February.

The resignations of Nos. 213, 277, 283, 364 and 410 were presented and accepted.

The following were elected to membership: No. 553, Alex. H. Godfrey; No. 554, George Story Chapman.

A vote was passed that the Chair appoint a recruiting committee of five, two of whom should be dealers. The publishing of a new membership list was referred to the Governing Board.

A motion that all magazines received by the Society be delivered at the Club Room was lost.

Further nominations for the Library Com. were made, viz.: I. W. Risdon and F. W. Stiles.

On proceeding to ballot for officers for 1912 the following were elected: *Pres.*, Charles K. B. Nevin; *V. Pres.*, Fernald Hutchins; *Sec.*, C. A. Howes; *Int. Sec.*, Philip Wolff; *Treas.*, Jas. B. B. Smith; *Supt. Sales*, P. Kimball; *Supt. Auctions*, J. H. Lyons; *Supt. Bourse*, A. W. Dunning; *Governing Board*, Chas. H. Stone, Jas. H. Lyons, E. M. Carpenter, F. W. Stiles; *Library Com.*, C. K. B. Nevin, C. A. Howes, E. M. Carpenter.

The Entertainment provided was an exhibition of the "philatelic side-lines" collected by our fellow member, Mr. John W. Prevost of Springfield, Mass. These included all manner of "Tax-paids," for beer, spirits, cigars, cigarettes, tobacco, oleomargarine, denatured alcohol, opium, etc.; "tin-foils," cotton "tags," lock seals, hydrometer labels, Customs' stamps, etc.; and a fine collection of State Revenues, not only of the earlier period, but those at present in use in many of the States of the Union. The showing was a magnificent one, and taken in connection with the remarks and explanations of the owner made a most entertaining and instructive evening's entertainment for the large gathering. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Prevost.

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Lot No.	U. S. POSTAGE.	Cat.
1	1851-56, 1c, type II, large margins, used, fine	$ .40
2	1851-56, 1c, type II on cover	..
3	1851-56, 3c, unused, no gum	1.50
4	1851-56, 10c pen mark, very fine, wide margins at sides	.75
5	1851-56, 12c black, used	2.00
6	1857-60, 1c, type III, on cover, very good	..
7	1857-60, 1c unused; 3c, No. 43, used; 3c, No. 44, unused	.87
8	1857-60, 3c outer line, on cover, one straight edge	..
9	1857-60, 10c on cover, pen mark, fine	..
10	1857-60, 10c; 1861, 1c and 3c, all used	.61
11	1857-60, 12c, used, slight defects	1.50
12	1861, 12c, No. 69, perfs. cut at right	.75
13	1861, 30c used, unusually good copy.	.75
14	1862-66, 5c brown, used, perfs. close at bottom	.60
15	1862-66, 15c black, used	.75
16	1867, 2c, 3c, 10c, grill 11x13; 1c, grill 9x13, used	1.75
17	1869, 1c, 2c, 3c, used	.99
18	1869, 2c unused, no gum, clipped at right	1.00
19	1869, 6c blue, used	.75
20	1869, 10c yellow, used	.85
21	1869, 12c green, used	.75
22	1870-71, 1c, 2c, 3c, grill, used	.75
23	1870-71, 15c, grill, perfs. cut off both sides	6.50
24	1870-71, 7c, No. 149, used	.75
25	1870 to 1888, 9 var., used	.56
26	1879, 1c, No. 182, unused, fine	1.00
27	1879, 3c; 1882, 1c, 3c, all unused	.65
28	1879, 90c unused, fine copy	7.50
29	1879, 90c used, small tear, off centre	1.50
30	1882, 6c unused, no gum	1.50
31	1882, 3c, 10c; 1883, 2c, 4c, unused	.92
32	1887, 2c, 3c; 1888, 4c, 5c, unused	.78
33	1888, 5c blue Garfield, unused pair, straight edge at left	.50
34	1888-90, 90c, No. 218, used	1.50
35	1890, 2c Lake, unused pair, straight edge at bottom and left	1.00
36	1890-93, 1c, 2c, 3c, 4c, 5c, 6c, 8c, 10c, 15c, all unused	1.55
37	1890-93, 30c unused pair, very fine	1.50
38	1890-93, 90c unused, fine	2.00
39	1890-93, vertical half of 4c used as 2c, on cover	..
40	1894, no wmk., 1c to 15c complete, except Nos. 250 and 251, 12 var. unused, face 59c	2.33
41	1894, no wmk., 50c unused, very fine	1.00
42	1894, $1 black, used	1.50
43	1895, 1c to 15c, complete except No. 266, 10 var. unused, face 55c	1.86
44	1898-99, 6 var. unused, complete except 2c	1.49
45	Columbian, 1c to 10c, 8 var. unused.	.92
46	Columbian, 15c and 30c unused	1.25
47	Columbian, 50c unused	1.00
48	Omaha, 1c to 10c, 6 var. unused	1.10
49	Omaha, 50c, nice used copy	.35
50	Pan American, 1c to 10c, complete unused	.82
51	1902-03, 1c to 15c, 11 var. unused, both 2c	1.56
52	1902-03, 50c, fine unused copy	1.00
53	Louisiana Purchase, 5 var. unused, complete	.62
54	2c Lincoln, imperf., centre block of 4 unused with guide lines	..
55	2c Alaska-Yukon, imperf., centre block of 4 unused, with guide lines	..
56	2c Hudson-Fulton, imperf., centre block of 4, unused, with guide lines	..
57	Agriculture, 2c used; 3c unused, no gum	1.25
58	Interior, 2c unused, block of 4	.40
59	Interior, 12c unused, soft paper, off centre	1.25
60	Interior, 15c unused, hard paper, fine	.75
61	Justice, 1c unused, fine	1.50
62	Justice, 3c unused, off centre	.75
63	Navy, 1c unused, good	1.25
64	Navy, 3c unused; 2c and 6c used	1.40
65	Navy, 12c used	1.25
66	Post Office, 1c unused; 2c, 3c, 6c, used	.85
67	Treasury, 7c, unused, fine	*2.50
68	Treas., 6c, 12c, 15c, 90c, used	1.10
69	Treas., 2c, 3c, 10c, 30c, unused	1.70
70	Treas., 24c used, heavily cancelled, well centred	3.00
71	War, 1c, 12c, 15c, 24c, 30c, unused	1.63
72	War, 2c, 3c, 6c, 10c, 90c, used, latter fine	1.23
73	Registered Seal, used	.25
74	Newspaper, full set as sold by the Gov't at $5, no straight edges	..
75	U. S. Mixture, over 400 stamps, issued before 1890, over 100 var., will cat. about	25.00
	U. S. ENVELOPES.	
76	1863-64, 2c black on orange, No. 1349, entire unused	..
77	1864, 3c on white, 3c on buff, unused entire; both have ruled lines inside	..
78	1886, 4c on blue, No. 1529, cut square, unused	.40
79	1897, 2c on white, color offset on inside	..
80	1907, 1c Albino, unused, entire	..
81	1861, 2c wrapper, light manila, No. 1706, cut square, unused	.40
82	1907, 1c wrapper, Albino, unused, entire	..
	U. S. REVENUES.	
83	2c blue Certificate, imperf., superb wide margins	.20
84	10c Certificate, part perf.	2.50
85	25c Insurance, imperf., wide margins	.25
86	25c Life Ins., vertical pair, imperf.	2.50
87	50c Conveyance, Mortgage, Surety Bond, part perf.	2.00
88	II Issue, $2, fine	.60
89	II Issue, $3, very good	1.25
90	II Issue, $5, fine	.75
91	III Issue, $2 and $2.50, fine	.90
92	$20 Conveyance, silk paper, bright, well centred, clean; superb copy of scarce stamp	4.00
	CHOICE COVERS.	
93	U. S., 1899, 2c Env., orange on Oriental Buff, used, fine; the disputed color	..
94	U. S., 1907, 2c Env., Albino, unused	..
95	U. S., 1907, 2c Env., folded and gummed with stamp on inside	..
96	Canada, 2c and 3c Env., Queen's Head, entire, unused	..
97	Canal Zone, 1c, Nos. 32 and 41, pair of each on covers	..
98	Egypt, 2pi Env., and 5m letter card, latter surcharged for Sudan, both unused	..
99	Gt. Britain, Compound Env., 1½d yellow and 3d carmine, Queen, used, fine	..
100	Gt. Britain, Comp. Env., 3d carmine and 4d red, Queen, used, fine	..
101	Gt. Britain, Comp. Env., 1d red & 2½d pale blue, King, used	..
102	Gt. Britain, Comp. Env., 3d red brown and 4d orange red, King, cut square and used on cover	..
103	Gt. Britain, 6 var., entire, used Envelopes, nice lot	..
104	Hawaii, 5c provisional Env., No. 211, used	..
105	Hayti, 5c, No. 66, strip of 4 on cover, fine	..
106	Liberia wrappers, 1c brown on white and manila, unused	..
107	10 unused postcards, Cayman Ids., Canal Zone, four have printing on reverse	..
	FOREIGN POSTAGE.	
108	Barbados, 1882-85, 1sh, No. 67, unused, very fine	1.00
109	Dan. West Indies, 7c, No. 9, unused, superb copy	.60
110	Ecuador, 1895, 1s, No. 53, original, unused	2.00
111	Br. Bechuanaland, 2d, No. 25, vertical pair, used, very fine	1.00
112	Gt. Britain, 5sh, No. 56, plate 2, thin spot	2.00
113	Gt. Britain, 5sh, No. 56, plate 1, heavily cancelled, small tear	2.00
114	Grenada, 1d on 6d, No. 105, on cover, fine	..
115	Guam, 1c, 2c, 5c on cover, fine	..
116	Hawaii, 4c Env., No. 203, unused entire	1.00
117	Hawaii, Env., Nos. 210, 211, 214, unused entire, fine	.70
118	Hayti, 1898, 2c on 30c brown, No. 44, fine unused block of 4	.80
119	Hayti, 1898, 2c on 20c orange, No. 45, very fine unused block of 4	.32
120	Jamaica, 1890, 2½d on 4d, No. 27	.75
121	Meck-Schwerin, 4-4s red, No. 5, damaged	.75
122	Newfoundland, 1896, 1c, No. 57, fine unused block of 4	1.00
123	Nicaragua, 5c carmine, No. 306	..
124	Nicaragua, 50c on 6c slate, No. 360	.75
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100	" blue on blue	.12
115	" orange-brown on pink	.14
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BY WILLARD O. WYLIE, PRESIDENT BOSTON PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

(As the official journal of the Boston Philatelic Society it is the custom of the WEEKLY to print some of the annual reports. The following has been submitted by Secretary Howes and will no doubt be followed by others.—Ed.)

As I bring to you this my final message as president of the Boston Philatelic Society, I want to express my appreciation of the honor that has been conferred upon me. To have been your president during two years of the Society's history will be treasured as the greatest philatelic honor that has ever been accorded me. We have truly been favored in being able to obtain the splendid services of such men as Lombard, Howes, Green, Rothfuchs, and others whom you have honored in the past. We may feel equally sure that rich as we are in membership material we may look forward to a leadership in the future that shall be fully as capable and devoted as that which we have had in the days gone by.

Society Retrospect.—From the report of the secretary we shall be able to glean the particulars of our achievements during the past year. It may be true that we have not made the numerical increase that may be desired. There is a well-grounded feeling that a local society needs local members who can participate in club room advantages. Members residing at a distance are unable to enter into the enjoyment of membership privileges, resulting too frequently in the presentation of resignations. What the Boston Philatelic Society needs is a propaganda that shall interest the more serious collectors who reside within reaching distance of our society meetings. There are hundreds of collectors in eastern Massachusetts who should not only be invited but urged to join our Society, and I recommend that a standing committee be appointed to serve during the coming year, this committee to take steps to carry this plan into effect.

Financial.—Our treasurer, Mr. Smith, will make us acquainted with our financial condition and we shall be brought face to face with the fact that care must be taken in the matter of appropriations during the coming year. It is oftentimes a much easier matter to vote appropriations than it is to oppose them, but our membership should appreciate our financial condition and refuse to allow sentiment to rule them where hard common sense is needed. We have a fine club room with advantages that are being more and more appreciated by the society members and any surplus funds with which we may be blessed may well be devoted to increasing its conveniences.

A New Membership List.—We are in need of a revised printed membership list. It has been several years since a supply was printed and so many changes and additions have been made in the list as to make the expense of printing a new one justifiable. I recommend that a new membership list be prepared and printed, keeping the item of expense as low as possible.

Entertainment.—We have been especially favored during the past year with an entertainment committee that has done its very best to make the meetings interesting. We owe particularly a debt of gratitude to Mr. Barker who has been instant in season and out of season in providing attractive and educational features. During the coming year a little different plan will be tried than in the past and two members are to be selected at each meeting to provide the entertainment for the meeting three months in advance. It is expected that this plan will arouse a competitive feature that will add materially to the interest in the monthly meetings.

From the National Standpoint.—Our national organization, the American Philatelic Society, held its annual meeting at Chicago in August. Mr. F. R. Cornwall of St. Louis was elected president and Mr. W. H. Barnum of Cleveland was re-elected secretary. The *Philadelphia Stamp News* was selected as the official journal of the society. The 1912 convention-seat will be Springfield, Mass., and its nearness will no

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" 24c brown	3.00	1.35
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" 24c rose	.35	.12
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" " 24c rose	2.00	.78
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1895, 2c No. 266 "	.50	.22

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	1882, 2c green	.75	.25
"	" 6c brown	.50	.18
"	" 10c red	.75	.35
"	1892, 50c blue	.20	.07
"	1897, Jub. 8c violet	.30	.18
"	" " 50c blue	.50	.18
"	1898, 6c brown	.20	.08
"	" 10c brown	.12	.04
"	1901, 20c green	.20	.08
"	1902, 7c green	.12	.04
"	1903, 50c King	.15	.07
France	1900, 2frs	.10	.04
Japan	1906, 5y green	1.50	.68
	" 10y brown	3.50	1.68
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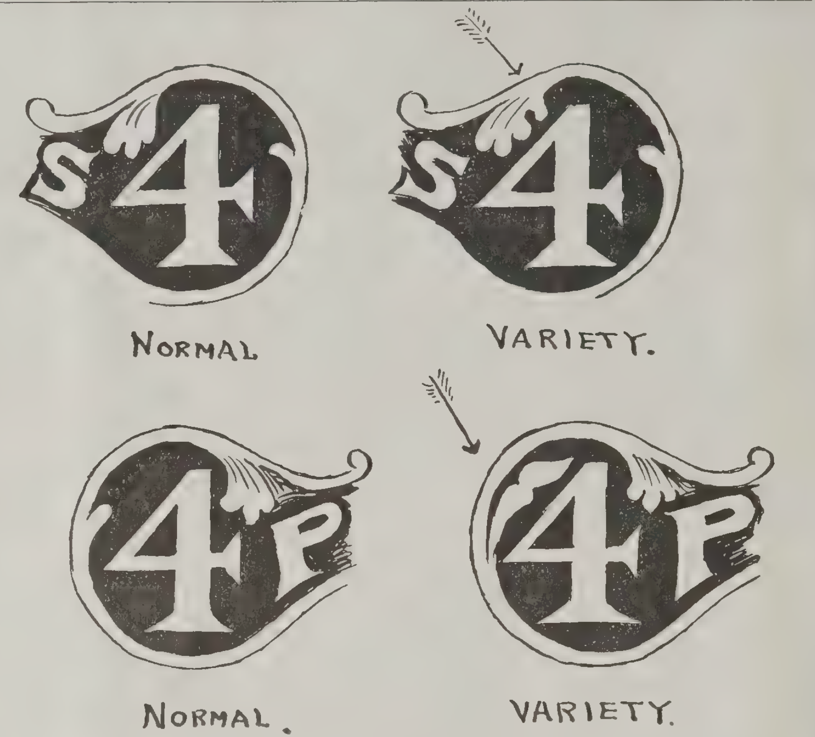

4c COLUMBIAN VARIETIES.

G. A. Hunt calls our attention to certain varieties that may be found in the 4c Columbian stamp. We will attempt a brief description of the same:—

Type 1, normal. The ornaments projecting into the ground back of the numeral 4 in the upper right and left hand corners are identical or nearly so.

Type 2. The ornaments projecting into the back ground of the upper right hand numeral have four divisions instead of three.

Type 3. This, the rarest type, has a double quadrefoil ornament projecting into the background of the right hand numeral 4.

Both of these varieties are very pronounced and yet they are both due no doubt to defective printing from uncleaned plates. The above sketch is not drawn exactly to scale but will suffice to identify both varieties.

It may be added that the third variety may be found on stamps both with and without the four divisioned ornament illustrated as type 2.

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doubt result in a large attendance of our Boston society membership. The fraternal relationship that has always existed between the Springfield and Boston societies will no doubt find its expression in a large attendance from the eastern part of the state.

American Philatelic Journalism.—At the present time we have three weekly stamp papers, MEKEEL'S WEEKLY STAMP NEWS, the *Philadelphia Stamp News* and *Redfield's Weekly*. During the year MEKEEL'S WEEKLY has pursued the even tenor of its way and Jan. 1 entered in upon its twenty-sixth volume. The *Philadelphia Stamp News* is a paper of much promise and deserves every good word that may be spoken of it, together with increased patronage. It cannot be said that 1911 has brought increased prosperity to *Redfield's Weekly*, judging from its decreased size.

We have several promising monthlies, two in particular, the *Stamp Journal* and *Everybody's Philatelist,* being especially deserving of mention. There are several other amateur philatelic monthlies that may blossom in the near future into more pretentious advocates of philately.

The *Philatelic Gazette*, issued semimonthly and making a specialty of the treatment of U. S. and colonial issues, is published by a company with which Mr. Bartels, an esteemed member of our Society, is prominently connected. The paper has been well received and is a notable addition to the ranks of philatelic journalism.

1911 Exhibitions.—Three great stamp exhibitions stand out prominently as we review the year's work:—Vienna, Chicago and Sydney, while minor exhibitions have been held at Turin, Georgetown and other philatelic centres. The exhibit at Vienna was a very notable one and particularly so because of the high honors obtained by American collectors, and especially members of our own society. Mr. Bartels represented the B. P. S. at this exhibition.

The Chicago exhibition was held in connection with the convention of the A. P. S. and marked the completion of the 25th year of its organization. This exhibition reflected great credit upon its promoters and received a great deal of attention at the hands of the foreign press. It should have received more attention here in our own country. At Sydney Messrs. Pack and Crocker upheld the dignity of American philately and both were accorded gold medals as a result of their entries. The movement to inaugurate a great international exhibition to be held in New York in 1913 is taking on shape and as a society we should co-operate enthusiastically in making the same a success. A competent committee has been selected to take charge of the same.

It should be recorded also that in 1915 San Francisco will hold a great exhibition. Mr. Crocker in person made us acquainted with this fact upon the occasion of his visit to this city and we then pledged our hearty co-operation to the success of the movement.

Philatelic Societies.—There is an actual need for the local society. There is also a work for a national organization. At the present time we are confronted by two propositions. One seeks to amalgamate certain of our national junior societies into the one organization, and the movement should have the hearty support of their membership. Indeed, we are satisfied that the American Philatelic Society might well fill the need, with a junior branch rendering unnecessary any other national stamp society.

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ranks of philately. The idea is a praiseworthy one, though in this connection I should insist that it would be well to make it a branch of the national society. We shall do well to make the A. P. S. the organized channel for service so far as the general welfare of American philately is concerned.

The Year's Stamps.—The postal savings stamps have been very much in the public eye so far as American collectors are concerned. The new registry stamp has made its appearance and we are assured that an entirely new set will soon be forthcoming. The year 1912 will no doubt see some recognition paid to aviation by the P. O. Dept.

Crossing the line we find that on the New Year Canada issued two values of the new King George set. These values are to remain on sale for a month and then withdrawn until the King Edward stamps are disposed of. The handsome set issued by Newfoundland known as the Royal Portrait Gallery was received with open arms.

Beyond the Atlantic we find in Great Britain quite a little excitement in connection with the engraving and perforating of its stamps. Two King George values have appeared and the English press and people generally were unable to find words with which to express their dissatisfaction.

Portugal has led us a merry chase with its "Republica" issues and the specialist in this country has had sufficient to keep him and his pocketbook busy.

I do not think it necessary to take your time in any further consideration of the stamp issues of the past year.

In Conclusion.—Thanking you for the honor that you have twice conferred upon me by electing me president I now return the responsibility connected with it to you, and trust that my successor may be able to do far more than I have done to advance the interests of the Society.

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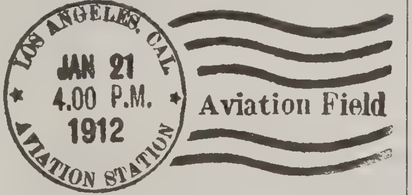
(We are under obligations to Mr. Line for the latest details in connection with the aviation meet at Los Angeles and the aeroplane mail service there installed. The story of the service will be read with interest. The postmark used will be illustrated and a description of the same will be unnecessary. The WEEKLY acknowledges courtesies rendered by J. F. Heartwell, and our old friend, C. F. Rothfuchs.—Ed.)

This afternoon (Sunday, Jan. 21) the second day of the meet, I went down to the Aviation Field at Dominguez, about 18 miles south of Los Angeles, to see the Aeroplanes, and of course spent a good part of the time at the "Aviation Field Station," Los Angeles, Cal., post office.

The Office was housed in a small tent with a counter fixed up one end. The equipment consisted of a table, two chairs, some boxes, a glue pot, blotters, pens, ink, cash box containing stamps, carriers' mail bag, mail pouches.

One cent and two cent stamps, Special delivery stamps, one cent "red" postcards, and two cent stamped envelopes were on sale. I bought the last four postal cards in stock some time before the first mail of the day left at about 2.30 p. m.

A small crowd was around the office all the afternoon and mail was handed in at rate of probably six pieces every minute. The great bulk of the mail was postal cards, view postcards and one cent third class pieces. The latter were panoramic views of the grounds mailed in tube form, light but bulky.



There were two clerks busy most of the time, selling stamps, etc., and cancelling mail. This latter operation was a very slow process, as the clerk took great care to place a solid and clean impression on each piece, even to the tubes.

A Special Delivery messenger boy was in attendance to carry the mail from the office to the waiting aviator in front of the thousands of spectators in the grand stand, where it was placed in a convenient receptacle on the aeroplane. The aviator, sworn in as a mail carrier, then flew to Compton, Cal., post office, about four miles north where he dropped the pouch to the waiting postmaster below, who sent it by rail to Los Angeles. This is probably one of the few cases where mail from a city substation to Head Office is handled via a country post office several miles away.

As there are so many aeroplanes and aviators at the field it is probable that the eighteen consecutive trips will be made without the slightest hitch, which will be a much better record than the recent English London to Windsor service.

If I can get any further information from the press or from observation about the air route mail service will send it along with least possible delay.

I will later try to obtain figures as to the quantity of mail handled by aeroplane during the entire meet.

In my last letter I offered to mail at the Aviation Field any mail sent to me under cover and stamped and addressed ready for mailing. I stated you could print this offer if you thought it proper.

Now at this writing I don't know whether you printed this, but if you did I fear that it will be so late that some letters might reach me too late to mail, as the last mail closes at 4.00 p. m., Sunday, January 28, 1912. It is quite possible, however, that the meet will be extended a few days, as it has before. In any case I will keep myself posted and will arrange with my mail carrier to get all mail for me up to the last minute.

I enclose clipping from the San Francisco *Examiner* of January 21, the mail service receiving considerable attention at the hands of the press:—

"Manager Ferris introduced many innovations yesterday, one of the best being the mail-carrying job. This fell to Glenn Martin, the Santa Ana aviator, who has come up from the novice class in the last year to the ultra-professional class. Postals and letters were collected on the ground, taken to the aviation post office, stamped, placed in a bag and given into Martin's hands.

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OUR REVIEW.

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The Postage Stamps of Soudan—by D. B. Armstrong is the first of a series of handbooks to be issued by Bright & Son, London, Eng. The book is well printed and illustrated. In addition to the regular issues the service stamps are given special attention. One chapter is devoted to postmarks and postal curios. We note also a list of Soudan post offices in operation January 1, 1911. Mr. Howes calls our attention to the fact that Mr. Armstrong has made the very common mistake of making "S. G." represent "Service Gouvernmental". Its real meaning is "Soudan Government". The publishers of the WEEKLY can supply the book for 20c, postpaid.

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EDITORIAL.

Searching—There are evidences at hand that the descriptions of the minor varieties of the two-cent Columbian have stimulated research work with other United States stamps as the subjects. We wager that in many a philatelic home in city and country, the light burns brightly these evenings while the intent philatelist bends to the task of scrutinizing his duplicates for minor variations in design. For instance, if an aggregate of the time spent by collectors in searching for caps on the two-cent of 1890, since the date of the discovery of the varieties to the present time could be computed, it would be found that years had been given to the search. At least, the position of the collectors who from force of habit, rather than because of any enthusiasm, kept his bundles of used two-cent Columbians despite auction prices of a cent or two a hundred for the stamps is vindicated. He has material at his elbow with which to take a pleasant excursion bent on discovery of the minor type differences already listed and possibly, of others that are not known.

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Another—Mr. Ignaz Stauffer, Carnegie, Pa., in sending a right cap "2" variety of the two-cent Columbian for inspection encloses a highly interesting minor variety of the frame at right that must be added to the list of existing variations. Mr. Stauffer has found a variety with a double line at the right. The heavy "cut-off" line at the extreme right of the stamp normally—*vide* issue of Jan. 13th, 1912, page 13—is fortified by a comparatively thin extra line just beyond it. The second line is not the result of a split in the heavy line or of any mechanical accident but is clear-cut and deeply defined. This variety which perhaps has not been listed heretofore is the most interesting of all in some respects.

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A Good One—A minor variety of worthy aspect in the one-cent blue, 1861 has been discovered by Mr. F. E. Farnham of Chicago. In this case, the variation is a palpable one and is of visible importance, so to say. On the edge of the arabesque at the border of the left of the stamp, on a line with "U" of U. S., in the normal stamp is a little arrow-head like ornament. This detail of engraving balances the small scroll on the right side of the stamp, opposite the "e" of Postage. In the ordinary stamp, the arrow-head is fitted against the border and no line radiates from it. On the variety a well sustained line shoots from the ornament and describes an arc that intersects the right foot or spur of the "1" in the upper left corner and proceeds through the ornamentation to join the oval frame-line several millimeters away. The line seems to be too pronounced to be accounted for as an accidental scratch of the "graver" and by no means is it a line of color carried by a hair or wisp of waste. It is on the die of one of the stamps of a certain plate and it would be interesting to hear of the existence of another specimen showing this variety.

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Curious—Mr. T. E. Flick, Galveston, calls attention to a specimen of the 12-cent, 1870-71, on which he notes "a line about ⅛ millimeters below the design clear across the stamp. This line does not stop at the corners of the design but goes straight on. It can not be a guide-line as it is too close to the stamp." This question of guide-line is somewhat puzzling in this case and while we are not prepared to say that Mr. Flick has not found a real variety, yet it is known from observation of the guide-lines and dots on the 1869 and the next issues that there is some variability of the lines in relation to the position of the stamps. However, the fact that the line on Mr. Flick's specimen almost touches the design makes the stamp of unusual interest and if there are any speculations as to the presence of the line other than on the score of guide-lines, they would be welcome.

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High Jump—A bit of memorabilia is in the possession of a collector who shows the two-cent green U. S. revenue stamp, civil war period, orange on green paper, on the original receipt, with a postmark of the Merchants' Despatch Company, New York, covering the stamp. The item is on the original slip of an auction sale held in New York City in 1886 by the renowned Joseph J. Casey, whose name will bring to the minds of the old-timers many recollections. Moreover, the lot was a part of the collection of George B. Mason of New Jersey, whose name almost stood with that of E. B. Sterling as a student of United States revenues in the eighties. It should be added that the stamp in question was bought for ten cents at the sale and that it now catalogues at fifteen dollars "off the cover". The original envelope in which the stamp was forwarded to the buyer by Mr. Casey is shown as well.

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Proposed Tax—Mr. R. McP. Cabeen, Chicago, calls attention to the following news item which indicates the possibility of the issue of new revenue stamps. Incidentally, it may be mentioned that Mr. Cabeen was the winner of first prize in the contest for cover design of Klein's auction catalogue. Some weeks ago, Representative Sisson of Mississippi introduced a bill imposing heavy tax upon all deadly weapons and cartridges made and sold in this country. One of the provisions of the bill follows as of interest to philatelists: "Internal revenue stamps prepared by the secretary of the treasury shall be attached to each weapon and box of cartridges by the manufacturer or dealer and canceled when offered for sale, the cancellation showing the date and initials of the cancelor." Philatelists are not "gun-toters"; they would not pay the tax but would collect the stamps.

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Official Journals—An officer of one of the stamp societies says that the American Philatelic Society with a junior division or the A. P. S. and a separate society designed especially for junior collectors, together with a few organizations whose membership is of specialists in different lines is enough for all practical purposes. He agrees with what was said last week in this column. He adds that for every society there is an official journal and he thinks that publishers are prone to multiply societies for their own satisfaction, even if no thought of profit attends their service as official "organs". More local and fewer national societies would maintain the balance as at present and the chance of being named as official journal would not suffer.

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6. Compensation could be given the secretary. I can say that it is *work* and am not going to run again. I would like to see the secretary-treasurer paid in part for his time.

Benefits That Would be Effected by Amalgamation.

1. Medals could be presented to members either contributing to philatelic literature of the year or exhibiting portions of their collections at the annual convention.

2. I would favor the incorporation of the United societies * * * * with the charter power to confer the degree—"Fellow of the American Academy of Philately". Let a limited number of degrees of this sort be conferred each year by the Board of Directors of the National Philatelic Union.

3. The *union* will take the field in America that the Junior Philatelic Society of London does in England.

Suggestions That Will Save Friction.

1. A special mail election shall be called by the Presidents of both of the societies.

2. The convention shall be at Harrisburg, Pa.

3. Neither L. Harald Kjellstedt, the President of the S. P. A., nor myself (H. S. Powell), the secretary-treasurer of the S. P. A., will run for re-election as neither of us have the time to devote to filling these offices *right*.

4. Before the convention, each association nominates its ticket and the two tickets will be combined, the candidates receiving a majority of votes cast by the two memberships combined, being elected.

5. When this is accomplished the other work necessary will be done by committees or by appointed branch societies in different cities, but I want to urge the convention to make the entrance fee 50c and the yearly dues 60c. Compensation to the Secretary-Treasurer. Cash offers from philatelic publications for exclusive right to official reports, etc., should be invited by *journals* able to serve the society efficiently and regularly.

6. The M. P. A. constitution which was lately brought up-to-date would be used as the basis *for* the new constitution which would be revised by a committee and passed upon by the Board of Vice Presidents or Directors, as they may be called, of the society.

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CHRONICLE OF NEW ISSUES AND VARIETIES

Edited by HENRY A. KIDDER.

Any information regarding new issues will be gratefully received and acknowledged. Address HENRY A. KIDDER, 17 Addison St., Arlington, Mass. Letters calling for a reply should contain a self-addressed, stamped envelope. We cannot give applicants the addresses of our correspondents. Correspondence regarding precancelled stamps must be sent to FRANK B. ELDREDGE, Attleboro, Mass., when due credit will be given in this department.

UNITED STATES.—The New England Stamp Co. is officially informed that the new stamps will be on sale February 1, and that they will be issued to the various postoffices as the requisitions come, and the exhaustion of the stocks of the old stamps necessitate. The Official Guide says that the 1c and 2c values of the new set will have portrait of Washington, the present 3c, 4c, 5c and 6c values will not be changed and the 8c, 10c, 15c, 50c and $1 values will have portrait of Franklin. The colors of the higher values will be as follows: 8c, olive; 10c, dark yellow; 15c, gray; 50c, lavender; $1, dark purple brown. The most notable change in colors will be in the 15c value. The new stamps will probably be on sale at some offices before this is printed.

The New England Stamp Co. also calls our attention to a change in the current watermark, which has been adopted by the Department without any announcement being officially made. The new watermark is like the first 1911 watermark, except that the letters are taller and broader, and the lines are stronger. This third watermark ought to be much easier to distinguish than the second, and it would appear to be a difficult matter to get any of the stamps without any portion of the watermark showing, something which often happened with the second design. It is suggested that the stamps with the second watermark are likely to be scarce, relatively speaking, as the innovation came without much notice being taken of it, and possibly dealers and collectors were caught napping. The values of the current set issued with the second watermark were from 1c to 15c, except the 13c. The 50c and $1 were in heavy stock and no new printings were necessary, while the early suppression of the 13c value prevented printing a new supply of that value. As the new stamps are now being printed, it is not probable that the 50c and $1 values will ever be found with anything except the first (1895) watermark.

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Headquarters Marquette Albums & Supplies. Auctions monthly. Send for Cat. UNITED STAMP CO., 1151 Marquette Bldg., Chicago. [tf

Frank B. Eldredge has shown us the new reply card, green on pale buff. The cards are very well printed, and much improved in appearance.

Post Card.

1x1c green on pale buff.

W. O. Thiede has shown us a copy of the 1c green of 1898, on which the right outer line of the right triangle has nearly disappeared.

The following new precancels have been reported by F. B. Eldredge, R. W. Boisselier, M. D. Olmstead, and Erwin G. Ward:

Gloucester, Mass, 1c 1911, normal, type I.
Racine, Wis., 3c 1911, normal, type VI.
Chicago, Ill., 10c 1911, normal, type V.
Dalton, Mass., 1c 1911, normal, type I, no upper line.
Dalton, Mass., 6c 1911, normal, type I.
Elgin, Ill., 3c 1911, type II, normal.
Northampton, Mass., 13c 1908-9, type VI, normal.
Northampton, Mass., 1c 1911, type VI, normal.
Northampton, Mass., 2c 1911, type VI, normal.
Northampton, Mass., 3c 1911, type VI, normal.
Northampton, Mass., 4c 1911, type VI, normal.
Northampton, Mass., 5c 1911, type VI, normal.
Northampton, Mass., 6c 1911, type VI, normal.
Northampton, Mass., 8c 1911, type VI, normal.
Northampton, Mass., 10c 1911, type VI, normal.
Northampton, Mass., 15c 1908-09, type VI, normal.
Springfield, Mass., 1c 1911, type II, normal.
Springfield, Mass., 4c 1911, type II, normal.
St. Louis, 10c 1908-09, inverted, type II.
Concord, N. H., 1c 1911, normal, type I.
Shelburne Falls, Mass., 1c 1911, normal, type I.
Shelburne Falls, Mass., 2c 1911, normal, type I.
Shelburne Falls, Mass., 3c 1911, normal, type I.
Shelburne Falls, Mass., 4c 1902-03, normal, type I.
Shelburne Falls, Mass., 5c 1911, normal, type I.
Shelburne Falls, Mass., 6c 1911, normal, type I.
Shelburne Falls, Mass., 8c 1911, normal, type I.
Shelburne Falls, Mass., 10c 1911, normal, type I.
Shelburne Falls, Mass., 15c 1911, normal, type I.
Chicago, Ill., 1c 1911, normal, type V, no lower line.
Chicago, Ill., 15c 1911, inverted, type V.
Chicago, Ill., 4c 1911, inverted, type V, no lines.
Chicago, Ill., 3c 1911, normal, no lower line, type V.
Ansonia, Conn, 1c 1911, normal, type III.

The following have been reported to Mr. Eldredge, but have not been placed, owing to lack of specimens:

E. J. Post reports the following precancels that were created by reason of the ruling of the Postmaster General at Christmas time:

Bristol, Tenn., 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6c, normal, catacornered and lengthwise, no bars.
Springfield, Mass., 4c.
New London, Conn., 5c.
Meridan, Conn., 2 and 10c.
Marshall, Mich., 3c, inv.
Fort Wayne, Ind., 4c.
Ashland, Ohio, 8c.
Pueblo, Col., 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 15 and 50c.

M. D. Olmstead reports the 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 10 and 15c of Concord, same type.

C. H. Palmer reports having the 3c and 10c, 1909, Greenfield, Mass., and the 4c, 5c and 15c of Northampton, Mass.

Robert Weber reports the following:

Stamford, Conn., 5c and 10c, 1911.
Waterbury, Conn., 10c 1911.
Rutherford, N. J., 6c 1911.
Westbrook, Me., 10c 1911.
Pawtucket, R. I., 1c, 2c, 4c 1911, cancelled with P. O. stamp.

The Precancel Editor has received a letter from a correspondent, saying that the *Paris, Ky.*, precancels which were chronicled in No. 1092 are all fakes.

We have been fairly swamped with communications regarding the varieties of the 2c Columbian since the publication of the article and accompanying illustrations in No. 1098. Supplementing his previous note regarding the shifted die variety, Gen. C. A. Coolidge reports having found the shifted die on stamps with both types I and II of Mr. Hunt's illustrations. Elmer Toepelmann has also shown us type II, with the shifted die, also.

J. M. C. Milano reports (and illustrates) finding 11 varieties with the broken line at the right, though after looking through 1018 copies has been unable to find Mr. Hunt's type III exactly. Mr. Milano reports that out of 1018 copies he found 167 of type II and five of type IV.

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W. H. Peckitt's New Wholesale List for Dealers containing prices for a number of better class stamps not usually sold wholesale, sent post free upon receipt of business card or heading. **47 Strand, London, W. C.** [08

Earl Whiting reports and illustrates 10 types in addition to the four noted by Mr. Hunt, including the double line variety, first reported by Gen. Coolidge. Mr. Whiting elaborates an ingenious theory as to the way these line varieties occurred, which we have not space to reproduce here.

Burt McCann also submits several stamps with colorless spots in the oval surrounding the "2", both right and left. When these colorless spots are curved in form and fit closely to the top of the "2", it forms what is called the capped variety. It does not have the distinct shape of the capped varieties of the 2c of 1890.

In his search for broken lines W. O. Thiede has had better luck than most of his competitors. Not only has he found the main types of the broken line at the right, but also he shows specimens with broken lines also at the left and at the bottom.

All of the above gives strength to the opinion that there are but two varieties worthy of especial note. These are Mr. Hunt's type II and the shifted die variety. The New England Stamp Co. has shown us unused specimens of the type II variety, and have a whole sheet of the same, showing that it was a defect in the transfer roll, and not in the plate. The others appear to be defects in the plate, and none of them appear to have been due to any defect in the original die.

ARGENTINE.—Whitfield King & Co. report having seen the 2c value of the new "Sower" type, but as we have not yet seen the stamp, cannot say whether it was printed in this country or by the Argentine National Printing Office.

Adhesive.

2c purple brown.

Mr. Schachne has shown us the latest letter card which is identical with the San Martin card except the stamp, which is of the new "Sower" type.

Letter Card.

5c carmine on yellowish.

AUSTRIA.—*Offices in the Levant.*—All values of the Postage Due stamps for the Levant from ¼pi to 30pi have now appeared in dark green, according to *Maury's Collectionneur.*

AZORES.—The whole of the Vasco da Gama series for Azores has received similar overprints and surcharges to those already described under Portugal, with the word "Acores" added to the converted Postage Dues.

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Brunei. — *Maury's Collectionneur* chronicles a change of colors in two of the higher values of the 1907 set.

Adhesives.

30c orange and violet.
$1 carmine and black on blue.

Canada.—The New England Stamp Co. has shown us the 7c and 20c values, in the new type already illustrated. The colors of the new stamps like the four varieties previously chronicled are darker than the previous set.

Adhesives.

7c olive bistre.
20c dark olive green.

Costa Rica.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us another provisional stamp from this Republic, made by surcharging the 25c value of the current Telegraph series, in the same way as noted on the 10c in No. 1096. The new surcharge is in black and reads "Correos—Un Centavo".

Provisional Adhesive.

Surcharged in black on Telegraph stamp.
"Un Centavo" on 25c violet.

William L. Aldrich has shown us two more provisionals from Costa Rica, the higher values of the Telegraph set being brought into use this time. The "Un Centavo" on 10c and 25c having previously been chronicled. The form of the surcharge is the same as previously noted, though the colors are changed.

Provisional Adhesives.

Surcharged on Telegraph stamps.
"Un Centavo" on 50c red violet; surcharge green.
"Un Centavo" on 1 colon brown; surcharge red.

Great Britain. — Arthur W. Line sends us an interesting communication regarding the recently issued perforation varieties of Great Britain, and incidentally remarks that he is ashamed of his native land on account of its recent philatelic history. He lists those he has seen, as follows:

Edward VII—
  ½d green, 14x14.
  1d red, 14x14, 14½x14, 15x14.
  2½d ultramarine, 14½x14½.
  4d orange, 15x14, 15x14½.
George V—
  ½d green, 15x14.
  1d red, 14½x14½, 15x14.

The specimens of the King George stamps submitted by Mr. Line are all of the original type. A correspondent, "E. F.", sends a specimen of the re-engraved 1d stamp, and we find this is perforated 15x14, and presumably this is to be the permanent perforation, if anything can be considered permanent in the present chaotic condition of the stamp division of the British Postoffice Department.

Cuba.—We understand that the colors of the 8c stamp have been changed.

Adhesive.

8c olive green and black.

India. — *Bhopal.* — *Gibbons Monthly* says there are two types of the "Service" overprint on the current stamps. The ½a, 1a and 2a have been found with both types, but thus far the 4a has been seen with only the larger, heavier type.

Macao.—Mr. Schachne has the current cards and letter cards with the "Republica" surcharge, as below:

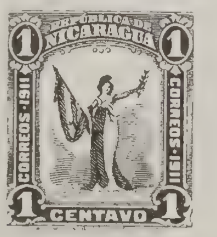
Post Cards.

1a orange.
1x1a orange.
1½a pale brown.
1½x1½a pale brown.
4a red.
4x4a red.

Letter Cards.

2a green.
4a red.
5a pale brown.
10a blue.

Nicaragua.—Mr. Focke's information was correct as to there being more values in the new set than the six originally shown us. He has now shown us the 25c and 35c values, the former being in the same design as the lower denominations, which we illustrate, though printed in two colors like the 5c. The 35c is in an entirely different design, being a horizontal oblong, though of the same size as the others. The centre shows us the familiar range of mountain peaks, the first being surmounted by the liberty cap. The C. E. Hussman Co. have also shown us the 25c in used form.



Adhesives.

25c yellow green and black.
35c blue green and red brown.

Portugal.—Whitfield King & Co. report the Madeira 80 on 150r Vasco da Gama surcharged "Republica," issued for use in Portugal. All the Portuguese Vasco da Gama stamps are now obsolete.

Sweden.—Mr. Schachne shows us the new 5 ore card dated June, 1911, which is notable from the fact that it is the first card bearing a stamp showing the King's face issued by this country in the 39 years it has used postal cards.

The King's face is in a circle, above which is a crown,—sprays of leaves are at each side—"Sverige" in a curve below. Numerals of value in each upper corner. "Brefkort" in upper center with stamp at right and arms at left. The four address lines are short, leaving a blank space below the arms for correspondence.

Post Card.

5 ore green on white; no frame.

Mr. Schachne has also shown us the letter card (dated 711) with the King's face stamp and arms as noted for the 5 ore card. The card and perforations are as the previous issue, but the instructions on the three margins are omitted.

Letter Card.

10 ore carmine on blue.

Timor.—Mr. Schachne has the post cards and letter cards of this Colony, also, surcharged "Republica".

Post Cards.

1a orange.
1x1a orange.
2a green.
2x2a green.
4a red.
4x4a red.

Letter Cards.

3a green.
3x3a green.
5a red.
5x5a red.
10a blue.

Uruguay.—Mr. Schachne has sent us a new letter card changed in form by the addition of a flap and being perforated only at the sides (Senf F F) colored pale pink outside and white inside. "Republica O. del Uruguay" in curve above "Tarjeta Epestolar" for headlines. The stamp shows a seated female with a locomotive factory etc. in the distance. Value near lower right corner.

Letter Cards.

3c brown on pale pink; 140x86 mm.

AN EXPLANATION.

Two weeks ago we published an article dealing with the varieties on the Hudson-Fulton Plate No. 5394. The particulars were furnished us by Clarke & Robb, the article reaching us just as we were going to press with our issue of Jan. 20. While the article apparently covered ground previously occupied by the Weekly, we could not readily locate the facts desired so published the article with an introductory statement.

Charles R. Morris freshens our memory in the matter and states that the facts given in the article are taken verbatim from a circular issued by him, and that he is the correspondent to whom reference is made. Mr. Morris states that he loaned the firm of Clark & Robb his last circular, not, however for publication, and that the with-holding of his name under the guise of a "correspondent" was clearly a breach of confidence.

We make this explanation in order to to do justice to our old-time correspondent, Mr. Morris, whose work as Washington correspondent of the Weekly will be remembered by a large circle of our readers.

"STAMPS HARD TO GET."

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A correspondent suggests that an article dealing with hard-to-get stamps would be appreciated by our readers. We invite contributions to a symposium, suggesting that it be confined to stamps that catalog $2.00 and under. We shall hope to have a sufficient number of entries to make a worthy contribution to our columns.

NEWS GLEANINGS.

Under this heading we desire to publish all the news from the various philatelic centers. Correspondents' names will be given unless prohibited as we desire to give full credit for services rendered.

—J. F. Heartwell of Long Beach, Cal., sends in his renewal by way of the mail route from the Los Angeles International Aviation Meet. We quote from Mr. Heartwell's letter:—"You have many renewals of subscription, but this one may be unique in that the cover in which it is enclosed starts on its way by 'U. S. Aerial Post', notice of which you gave your readers in the issue of Jan. 20".

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from M. S. Karlitsky, F. C. DePuy, Hugo Kuenstler (5), Adolph Klingenstein, W. H. Bruce, H. A. Benner (3), Herman W. Boers, Robt. J. McKinney.

—The Hartford *Courant* of Jan. 16 contained a lengthy write-up of Henry A. Chapman, who will be remembered by many of our readers as an old time collector and philatelic publisher. The article deals with Mr. Chapman's fifty years of work on the *Courant* and the changes in city and newspaper during the half century.

—The *Canadian Philatelist* has been sold to the *New Yorker* of Westfield, N. J., and not to a Chicago paper as indicated recently in these columns.

—M. Ohlmann of N. Y. City has earned the gratitude of several dealers by compelling Welsh to settle with interested parties. Anyone desiring the address of J. Norwood Peterson can locate him at Peggs, Okla., where he is superintendent of schools.

—Before purchasing any Cuban inverts make sure that you really want them, and as it is possible that all values have been printed in this manner in considerable quantities, pay for them no more than they are worth.

—The new United Philatelic Association which unites several smaller societies has chosen the following officers for the year 1912:—President, Julian Park, F. R. P. S.; Vice-Pres., Chas. A. Nast; Secretary, George H. Corbet; Treasurer, J. Russell Reed; International Secy., Rev. L. G. Dorpat; Directors, Walter A. Stryker and Walter E. Goodwin. Henry M. Wichman has been appointed Sales Superintendent and A. C. Roessler, Counterfeit Detector. Official Organ, *The New Yorker*.

—Adolph Klingenstein reports that German dealers indicate that the 60pf Germany is to be withdrawn soon. This stamp is not easily obtainable in used condition.

—J. Saulnier would like to know the present whereabouts of Fred Megson, formerly of Fort Frances, Ont., Canada. Following the sending of an approval selection no further communication has received any attention.

WITH THE BOY PHILATELIST.

Edited by BERTRAM W. H. POOLE, Box 231, Altadena, Calif.

We propose to insert upon this page matter that will be of interest to the boy collector. Some two thousand boys are now on our mailing list and it is our desire to come closely in contact with them in such a manner as will be most helpful. Any information desired will be cheerfully rendered through these columns. Do not submit stamps for examination.

MADAGASCAR AGAIN.

Mr. Herbert Armstrong points out that my statement that all the first type of the British Consular Mail stamps of Madagascar were overprinted with a red line is too sweeping. It should have been stated, by the way, that this overprinted line was a manuscript overprint. Though so regular it was drawn with pen and ink. My correspondent says "I have always refused to take copies with the red line treating them the same as I would stamps with the word 'cancelled' or 'specimen'. Mine are genuine beyond question".

THE WAR IN TRIPOLI.

Owing to the presence of the Italian expeditionary force in Benghazi, Tripoli, and consequent increase in the mail handled at the consular office there the specially overprinted stamps have been entirely used up. For the present the ordinary unsurcharged stamps of Italy are being used and as these are being cancelled with the special military postmark reading "Bengasi, Posta da Campo" they form interesting mementoes of the trouble between the Turkish and Italian Governments.

NEW STAMPS FOR PORTUGAL.

Although it is more than twelve months since Portugal became a Republic the postal authorities have been so busy using up old stocks by overprinting them with the word "Republica" that there has been no haste in attempting to issue a permanent set. According to latest advices the new stamps were to have been issued on New Year's Day. All values of the new set will be of the same design which is intended to typify the Republic. It consists of a three-quarter length figure of a native peasant woman, wearing the Phrygian Cap, and with the shield of Portugal upon her breast. The figure is shown holding a sickle with her right hand and with a sheaf of corn under her left arm. The design was drawn by Senor Constantino Fernandes while the dies were engraved and the stamps printed at the Lisbon mint. The new stamps mark a change of currency as well as of government. They are expressed in values designated "escudos" and "centimos". The escudo is equal to the old milreis and is divided into 100 centimos so that a centimo has the value of 10 reis.

GEORGIAN STAMPS.

The present promises to be a busy stamp issuing year for the British Empire for before its close most of the colonies will have issued stamps bearing the effigy of King George V. Newfoundland, Rhodesia and the Union of South Africa have had King George's portrait on some of their stamps for some months. Coincident with the great Coronation Durbar at Delhi the Indian Government issued a 1 anna stamp in the new type and a handsome production it is too. Canada as already reported in the WEEKLY has issued 1c and 2c stamps and these likewise are excellently designed and printed. The design for the new 1d stamps for the Union of South Africa has been chosen and we learn it shows "an excellent full face portrait of King George V surmounted by a Royal crown and flanked by sprays and mealies, encircled by a narrow band inscribed with the designation of the Union in English and Dutch. In the two upper corners are depicted a mail steamer and a mining shaft". The design was drawn by Mr. C. P. Immelmann of Paarl, Cape Colony, and it secured the first award in the recent Government competition.

The Australian Commonwealth still seems in an undecisive mood, for although a design for the 1d stamp bearing the King's portrait was chosen some time ago it is now rumoured that this is to be discarded in favor of a design more typical of Australia. In any case the stamps are not likely to be ready until July and if the laggard spirit that has so far animated the Commonwealth government continues the stamps may not appear for another year or two.

The design for the general "key-plate" from which the stamps of many of the smaller colonies—Cayman Is., St. Helena, Gambia, etc.—has been decided on and this will be somewhat similar to that adopted for the new Indian stamps so far as the portrait is concerned. Some of these may be expected within the next two months.

Barbados has adopted a design which will combine the sovereign's portrait and the old design; a 3d stamp for Jamaica is promised for March, while Georgian stamps for the Falkland Islands and Southern Nigeria are promised "early in the year".

In addition to these Great Britian itself is likely to have most of its new stamps in circulation before the end of the year and a re-engraved issue of the much maligned 1d should be on sale very soon.

SHORT REPLIES.

R. R. D. (Silver Lake, Ind.).—The Sarawak cancellation you mention is a perfectly genuine one and is the usual one met with on the 1871-75 issue. So far as I know there were no remainders but no doubt many sheets of the earlier stamps were cancelled to oblige some dealer or other. Specimens of these early stamps, except the 3c of 1869 are rare with original gum. I am afraid a complete list of the errors and varieties of surcharge would not be of sufficient general interest for reproduction on this page. You will find them all described in my book which can be obtained from the publisher, D. Field, 4 and 5 The Royal Arcade, Old Bond St., London, W. The flaw you mention on the 3c of 1870 occurred on the 77th stamp in the sheet of 100. So far as I know it only occurs on one of the printings. There were probably severals printings of the surcharge "ONE CENT" of 1892. On one sheet described in my book the distance between the words and the bar varies from 7 to 9 mm., but I have had other blocks and singles showing measurements of 5½, 6, and 6½ mm.

J. R. C. (New York.)—All the stamps of St. Helena watermarked Crown CC or CA were printed by Messrs. De La Rue & Co. So far as the line engraved stamps are concerned the original 6d plate was manufactured by Perkins, Bacon and Co. and the stamps issued from Jan., 1856 until July, 1863, (that is, those with the Star watermark,) were printed by that firm. After that date De La Rue obtained the printing contract though the original plate of the other firm continued in use. In fact this one plate formed the basis of all the stamps of this Colony printed from 1856 until 1894.

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By L. HARALD KJELLSTEDT, F. R. P. S.

Looking backwards to the time when I was a small boy in a small town in southern Sweden, I find no memories more vividly impressed than those connected with my first experience as a stamp collector. It was a German boy who got us little chaps interested, and incidentally extracted our scanty pocket allowances in return for stamps which later on were found sadly wanting in the line of genuineness. Some of those “stamps” were stamp cuts clipped from a German album and tinted with attractive colors. When this fact was discovered, the German boy met with a retribution, of physical nature, which made him renounce his evil ways. The first foreign stamp in mint condition that I ever saw, I bought from the German boy at a price which was more than double the present market value. The stamp was the 1c Argentine of 1873, which happened to find its way to our distant corner shortly after issue.

The stamps most in favor at the time were the Egypt issue of 1867, United States 1869 and the 1 franc gold of the Switzerland issue of 1862-63. The U. S. 15c 1869, although quite common was considered highly desirable and the acme of stamp beauty. Its local market value varied around 15 cents. During my whole time as a boy collector, I never saw a stamp advertisement or circular, never heard of a dealer or saw a dealer's price list. My album, a small German affair, was presented to me by my father upon his return from a trip to Berlin and Vienna. Most of my stamps were acquired through trading and most of the trading was done during sessions in school. There was an ever present element of danger in this session trading which appealed to the small boy. The stamps exchanged or purchased during school sessions had the additional sweetness of forbidden fruit. Many the times we were caught and soundly caned, and had our stock in trade confiscated. It never entered our minds that the teacher perhaps was a stamp collector himself.

On strength of a friendship between my father and the president of the local bank, I was given the privilege of searching the bank's waste paper baskets twice a week. This privilege was extended by me to two of my chums. The bank did a considerable amount of foreign business on account of the many textile industries located in and near the town. Our harvest of foreign stamps was correspondingly good. As our calls were made during banking hours, we were warned that no noisiness or loud talking would be tolerated. The waste baskets were found under the high bank desks and contained many things besides stamps, of which the discarded “chews” were particularly dreaded on account of their discoloring effect on the stamps. Our condition standard was extremely elastic but we drew the line at tobacco juice. Everything went well until one memorable day when we all three, at the same time, spied a large envelope adorned with a strip of German blue 30 groschen of 1871. None of us had it so all of us made a grab for it. Loud and angry exclamations of “quit yer shoving,” “I saw it first,” etc., were followed by a short, but decisive encounter which ended in three small boys being marched out in disgrace and told by the janitor to never come again. Comparing notes after the tragedy was all over, our greatest regret centered in the fact that the coveted envelope remained on the battlefield.

Three cornered Capes were highly thought of on account of their odd shape and changed hands at about 25c per copy. This was the highest price I knew any boy to pay for a stamp. The Swedish issues received comparatively small attention, although the 3 and 24sk banco stamps were a favorite topic for stamp talk on account of their fabulous value. I never saw a copy of either in any of our collections, but heard it mentioned that the 3sk sold around $1.25. The distance of the stamp issuing country, brilliant colors and pretty or odd designs were the factors which decided the value of a stamp, consequently, every stamp transaction was accompanied by much talk, the traders dwelling at length on the remarkable features connected with the stamps offered. The only classification we knew of was the geographical. Dates of issue, water-

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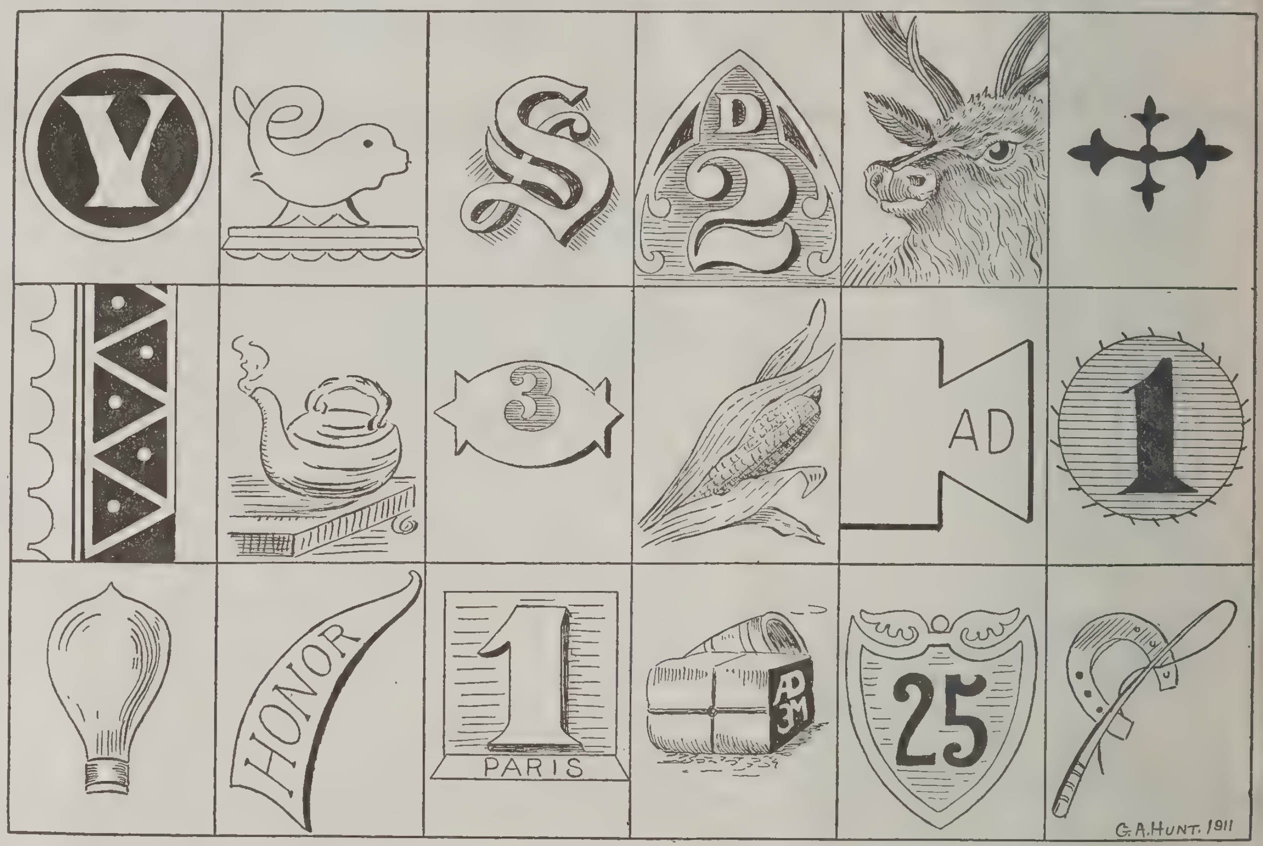

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No. 1—Costa Rica 1892, 2c. Scott No. 36.

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In **Republic Dominican** would we find number **12**.

No. 12—Dominican Republic 1879, 1 real. Scott No. 34 or 35.

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We get eye on the "trimming", it is style **'79**.

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Then such as are squeamish or sick from the motion
Would better go home, for we're taking the ocean.

No. 6—North German Postal District, series of 1868.

By **North German Postal**, launched **year '68**,
With the arms of its **cross beam part bent and part straight**.
To **Belgium** we're sailing, **all colors** at mast,
T. Betalen the captain, glad to get there at last.

No.11—Belgium Postage Due, 1895, etc.
No. 16—French Colonies, 1881-6.

Since '**95** he's been **DUE** there, time-cycle **A. D**
(Not with bale and with barrel,—that's **Frenc**
Colony—).
But the **wings** of the wind, which **blew aft an**
fore,

No.17—Belgium 1884-5, 25c. Scott No. 40.

Bring us safe to pier **40**, **Scott's** dock as befor

No. 7—India 1883, 1 rupee. Scott No. 43.

From there it's a long stretch to **India's** borde
Of the style **'83**, **one gray rupee** to order.

No. 9—Liberia-Inland 1897, 3c. Scott No. 58.

Then in land of **Liberia**, their **sense being lacking**
58 too much dinner, with considerable tacking.

No. 5—North Borneo 1893, 2c. Scott No. 60.

On again, feeling better, for sport and to play ta
In **Labuan** or **Borneo**, for surely **the stag**
Lives in either, though to cinch the thing patte
We run down about **60**, **carmine-black**, in th
latter.

No. 4—New Zealand 1898, 2d. Scott No. 72.

The great **Fourth** we're in **Zealand**, whence th
whole '**98**

No. 18—Japan 1876-7, 10 sen. Scott No. 63.

Hie at once to **Japan**, lest perchance we be late
For **Mikado** is riding, and **his whip and horse**
shoe
Tell the tale of his escort, **63** all **in blue**.

From here, by all good rights, we ought to com
home,
But our guide is so foxy that he leaves us t
roam
In search of a strange thing, a lulu-like "bird"
Or a fish, or an insect, such as never you heard

No. 2—Portugal 1898, 10 reis Vasco da Gama Issue. Scott No. 141.

We can't place it securely or give it a name,
'Less, perchance, one da **Gama** of **Portugues**
fame,
Paid **ten reis** for this honor, some four hundre
years
After **Vasco** had sailed 'mid weeping and tear

Perhaps in the water this thing makes its mark
Perhaps we're just careless,—if so, (just yo
hark!),
The chances are fine that this beast with a tai
Will appear all TOO PLAIN, once this scribble'
in mail.

Still we're glad to have toured, for all of th
plight
Which kept us from bed nearly all of one nigh
In our search for this monster, the worst of a
stunts.
But then not each wit is as keen as is Hunts!

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Our last rebus was a very difficult one, so difficult in fact that only five persons sent in correct solutions. Geo. T. Edson expresses the general opinion of the contestants when he writes:—"This rebus is certainly a corker." Mr. Edson solved all but three and concludes his letter as follows:—"I have hunted high and low through all my albums and have at last given it up. I suspect that the three designs I have failed to find are concealed in some book or box, pictured on some stamp, and the all-searching eye of the artist was keener than mine."

The solution in verse by Rev. Homer A. Flint and published in this issue merits first honors and to him has been awarded the first prize, a 10c 1847 U. S. We shall also publish the entry of Frank C. Clark, Mr. Clark having been awarded the second highest honors. The following readers sent in correct solutions and the order in which their names are published shows their ranking:—

Rev. Homer A. Flint, Montpelier, Vt.
Frank C. Clark, Medford, Ore.
John C. Hunt, Bedford Hills, N. Y.
Arthur B. Paine, Brookline, Mass.
T. Russell Hungerford, Washington, D. C.

As only four prizes were offered we shall make a consolation award to Mr. Hungerford in recognition of his correct solution. The entry of Mr. Clark is published herewith in its entirety:—

(*No. 1*)—Costa Rica 1892, 2c yellow and is located near the center of the stamp, being between the words Correos and Telegrafos. Very neat.

(*No. 2*)—Portugal 1898, Vasco de Gama Issue, 10 reis, red violet being on the left side, immediately to the left of the letter "P" to the word Portugal to the arched label near top of stamp. It can also be found on the issues to the Portugal colonies, Azores, Macao, Maderia, Portuguese India, Timor. I thought I would never catch this fish.

(*No. 3*)—United States 1869, 90c Lincoln, black and carmine. Being the letter to the word STATES. I find also a letter somewhat similar on the 15c stamp of the same issue, but of course, as it is a solid color, it cannot be correct. "Pounds and shillin's" got a good look first.

(*No. 4*)—New Zealand 1898, 2 penny, rose brown, also imperf. vertically as well as perf. It is the label of value at bottom of stamp. It will be noted that the 2 pence of 1899 issue is unlike the 1898 issue, differing in its shape, being, as it were, more squatty, fat, rotund.

(*No. 5*)—North Borneo, 1893, 2c carmine and black, being the head engraved thereon; (also found in Hartford Fire Ins. Co. policies, Elk temples, etc.). Similar head with lined background to 1897 issue, 2c carmine and black. 1900, 2c green and black. Above notes apply of course to Labuan issues, 1894, 2c blue and black, and 1897, 2c blue and black, and 1900, 2c green and black. Of course the same stamps with surcharges British Protectorate, and as used for Postage Due stamps.

(*No. 6*)—Germany 1868, North German Postal District, being found on the lower part of the white band containing the words NORDDEUTSCHER POST-BEZIRK and directly over the letter "O" of the word GROSCHEN, to the 1gr value. It is also found on the ¼, ⅓, ½ and 1, 2 and 5gr values, including two shades to ¼ and 2gr values, and also to imperf. values as listed above. It beats the Dutch.

(*No. 7*)—India 1883, one rupee, grey, being the left hand part of the octagonal shaped border or band enclosing the Queen's head. I observe on a Victorian stamp, Scott's No. 324, a similar design, though it would seem from the illustration that the outer line is a single line, and not double as the drawing shows.

(*No. 8*)—United States 1893, 30c issue, Columbian, and is noted in the lower foreground. Perhaps it is an electric stove, anyway, the pot boils.

(*No. 9*)—Liberia 1897, 3c red and green, being the central design containing the value, the word "cents" being omitted.

(*No. 10*)—United States 1898, Trans-Mississippi issue, and is found on all values, being part of the ornamental frame enclosing the pictures, and the illustration is of the corn at the right side, lower half of the stamp. It is reversed on the left side of the stamp. I am assuming that the one and two dollar denominations are the same as the other values, not having either nor illustrations of same.

(*No. 11*)—Belgium, Postage due stamps, issue of 1895 and 1900, of the values of 5, 10, 20, 50c and 1fr, being the end at the right side of the top label, containing the words "A PAYER". The initials stand for the name of engraver, A. Doms.

(*No. 12*)—Dominican Republic 1879, 1r, carmine, and 1r, carmine and salmon, and is the round, bewhiskered lined circle, containing the figure of value and is at right and left of central shield.

(*No. 13*)—United States, 1902-3 issue, 1c green, being one of the electric light lamps held by the figures on each side of the design, the lamp being of 500 watt tungsten power, at the top of the stamp and shining upon Benj. Franklin, the daddy of the juice in one respect.

(*No. 14*)—Ecuador 1896, 2c blue, 10c ochre and 50c violet. One might have an argument upon this drawing, as it corresponds to the curve of the ribbon on the above mentioned stamps, while the four other values have a similar ribbon.

(*No. 15*)—Hayti, 1904, regular issue, as defined by Scott's catalogue as Nos. 96 to 101, inclusive, and also including the surcharged stamp. The stamp is only of the 1 centime green value, not the others. The figure of value is located on the right side at the bottom of the stamp.

(*No. 16*)—French Colonies, 1881-86 issue as shown by Scott's cut A9, and also on such colonies as may have used the stamp, and is the bale and barrel at the right bottom corner of the stamp, with the flagstaff passing in front of same.

(*No. 17*)—Belgium 1884-85, 25c blue, pink, the upper scroll containing the figures of value.

(*No. 18*)—Japan 1876-77, 1883-92, 10s blue and 10s brown orange, being in the upper left part of the stamps. Gid AP.

Seven contestants failed of correct solutions in one design only and so difficult was the rebus that we are pleased to honor our subscribers who did such good work by placing them upon a roll of honor. The list follows:—

H. S. Johnson, M. D.
M. W. Turner
M. E. Cary
Lloyd R. Benson
Allen H. Blake, M. D.
R. H. Mason
Chas. F. Dosch, Jr.

No. 2 was without doubt the hardest proposition that the contestants had to deal with. Mr. Flint in his poetical effusion gives an indication of the difficulties one had to contend with. Messrs. Johnson and Turner failed to name this design.

No. 18 gave considerable trouble and this design was the stumbling block for Dr. Blake and Mr. Mason. A number wrote that this design seemed quite familiar yet difficult of location.

M. E. Cary and Chas. F. Dosch, Jr., failed to solve No. 3. In fact this design gave considerable trouble. The correct solution is the 90c 1869 U. S. The entry of Mr. Dosch was faulty only in that it named the 15c stamp of this same issue as the answer. Rev. L. R. Benson makes the distinction clear in his entry, when, naming the correct stamp, he also adds, "The 15c of this issue also has an S somewhat like this in the top panel, but it is not the same, being in single line with no shading."

Mr. Benson's excellent entry is marred by his failure to solve No. 1. He gives Bremen as the answer instead of Costa Rica.

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On View—The new United States stamps concerning which public expectation has been worked up to a high pitch by the philatelic press at last are on parade, although at the moment it must be admitted that only the ten-cent denomination has been seen. A single stamp does not make much of a procession but by the time that these words are printed, it is expected that the other values will have appeared. No doubt, the change in the stamps will excite the usual run of comment but the department in making it was guided by practical rather than artistic reasons, as the critical-minded will agree upon scrutinizing the stamps, we doubt not.

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A. P. S. Medals—The medals have been distributed to the prize-winners at the exhibition held last August at the Chicago Art Institute, under the auspices of the American Philatelic Society. In order to avoid delay, the tokens were sent direct to the successful contestants by the chairman of the "section of medals," Mr. J. W. Scott, instead of by the directors of exhibit. The medal may best be described as satisfactory in design and workmanship, judged by all reasonable standards and all in all is a substantial, dignified tribute such as reflects creditably upon the society. In due time the reports of the directors of exhibit and the chairmen of the various sections will be available and from the documents, no doubt, it will be seen what was accomplished by those who were in charge of the inception and operation of the exhibition and how the handicaps of lack of time and at first indifference were overcome.

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Good Start—It is noticed that some of the newspapers throughout the country have printed the following announcement, under date of New York, February 1st: "A committee of the Stamp Collectors' Club of this city is preparing plans for the entertainment of the international stamp collectors' convention and exhibition, to be held in New York in November, 1912. Stamps worth $5,000,000 will be exhibited. This will be the first international exhibition of stamps ever held in this country." This paragraph is an appropriate introduction to the forthcoming exhibition in New York, from the view-point of general publicity and it is understood that subsequent information will be furnished through the medium of the press. In short, a campaign has been started in the newspapers to attract public attention to the exhibition and it seems certain that New York will not be found lacking on the score of advertising through the public press. It has been remarked that the one shortcoming of the Chicago Exhibition of August 1911 was that no aggressive measures to promote newspaper notice were adopted. The omission was due chiefly to the lack of preparedness on the part of those having the management in charge; it was not until May 1st, about, that it was decided that the exhibition would be held and the advice to abandon the enterprise that came from influential quarters was rejected.

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In Season—In keeping with cold weather, an avalanche of caps comes on the two-cent Columbian. Mr. E. Raas, San Francisco, reports as follows: "To complete information about the two-cent Columbian types as given in the issue dated January 13th, I wish to say that there are three types similar to those of the two-cent, 1890. In looking at over 3000 stamps, I found three stamps with cap over the right 2; two stamps with cap over the left 2; and one stamp with cap over both 2's."

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Cotton Tax Marks—Chas. A. Nast of Denver has in preparation a brochure on the Brass Cotton Stamps of the Civil War period, which in all probability will be published by the United States Revenue Society. Mr. Nast has had the co-operation of Mr. Deats in his work to the extent that Mr. Deats, whose collection of the cotton marks is the best extant has sent Mr. Nast rubbings of the brass stamps. Mr. Nast recently secured a government publication containing all the circulars issued by the Commissioner of Internal Revenue from July 1863 to January 1871. Collectors throughout the country are asked to send rubbings of any of the brass cotton stamps that they may have to Mr. Nast direct or in our care; by rubbing the flat side of a lead pencil across the form, after a piece of soft paper has been placed upon it, a very good impression can be made. There are the cotton tax stamps on parchment as well as on brass.

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Information Wanted—Now come Nicaragua stamps of new design engraved by Waterlow, one two, three, four, five and ten centavos, Nicaragua, central design of locomotive. The particular copies bear the postmark of New Orleans, the port of entry; and these newcomers, which must be in use concurrently with the stamps of the female figure type, just issued, may explain in some way the information furnished by a correspondent in New Orleans. The first set has received an addition of the 35 centavos, bi-colored, and of different design from the values, one to twenty-five centavos, inclusive. Soon all the circumstances of the issue of the new Nicaraguans will be known. In this connection the hope is expressed that definite and official news will be available concerning the reports of the demonetization of certain of the stamps of several of the countries that have entered into the recent administrative mergers in South Africa.

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How—Following the recent inquiry to account for the use of a pair or strip of the semi-official stamps on cover, the same question could be applied to the local stamps. In the case of the old express companies that maintained routes covering different cities, the charge for transportation of letters was based usually upon the distance. For instance, the rate on a letter from one city to another could be 6¼ cents or one stamp; if the places were farther apart, 12½ cents or two stamps could have been the charge; and so on. Usually, the companies with independent routes sold their stamps, twenty for one dollar and a concession in rate was made, as indicated, if stamps were used by the sender.

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Kinder Treatment—There has been something of a revival of interest in United States local stamps, which in the early days of philately in this country, were considered the most desirable of our stamps. While it is certain that these stamps will never regain the proud eminence that once was theirs, it is well that the neglect with which they have been treated latterly is being somewhat softened. The recent converts to the old locals will find many fascinations revealed as they pursue their specimens; and they will feel that the time and money spent in the quest are well invested.

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By LAURENCE J. HEYMAN.

By a fortunate chance I came across an elderly gentleman who once owned a stamp collection and which was lost in the 70's and recovered last year.

In the years 1865-1870, Mr. W. H. Kerr of this city lived in New York City and collected stamps. He returned to his home in Kentucky every year or so. On his visit in 1875 to his old home he had two albums, one he gave to a cousin, the other he kept.

During this visit their house burned down and Mr. Kerr supposed that his collection was lost; he returned to New York. After a few years he came again to Kentucky to stay permanently. In 1910 Mr. Kerr's son visited North Middletown, Ky., and while there was accosted by a boy who said that he was a son of the man to whom Mr. Kerr had given his collection and asked if his (Mr. C. Kerr's) father were W. H. Kerr. On being told "yes" he handed over the collection. Mr. C. Kerr brought it home to his father who kindly showed it to me.

Some idea of the value of this collection can be obtained by the fact that every stamp in the book (there are over 800 varieties) was collected prior to 1875 and the stamps are mostly British Colonials.

The collection contains tri-angular Capes, early U. S., Confederate and German States.

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EXPECTATIONS FOR 1912.

By NORMAN THORNTON.

The past year has been quite sufficiently prolific in new issues to satisfy the most enthusiastic novelty accumulators, but 1912 from all appearances bids fair to rival its predecessor, and already a large number of new stamps are either promised for the commencement of next month or are in prospect at a later date. To start at home, we have to expect the whole of the Georgian series, as well as the much-discussed re-engraving of the current 1d, for which we are told new and improved plates are to be made; hazarding a guess we suggest that part of this improvement will consist in filling in the body of the lion with shading, rather than in “filleting” the poor beast. No doubt the Georgian stamps of most British possessions will shortly begin to appear, and amongst the first of these will be the new *St. Helena* set. *Canada* has a new issue in preparation showing a portrait of King George in naval uniform, and these may be issued before these lines appear in print.

Amongst others in the colonial section, the State of *Kedah,* recently come under our protection, is to issue its own stamps, and the new stamps of the *Union of South Africa* may also be expected; our readers will remember that we illustrated a series of designs sent in for competition for this issue, of which the 6d value was accepted for use.

We had not supposed that any extensive further permutations of watermark or perforation would take place in the current stamps of the *Australian States* before they were superseded by the Commonwealth issue, but an announcement in *The Australian Philatelist* warns us that these issues are to have another kick allowed them before they make way:—

“It is the intention of the Federal Government to discontinue the use of the Victorian paper with the watermark double-lined A and Crown and no more stamps will be printed on this paper once the present stock is exhausted. Large stocks of the watermarked A and Crown (now used on the South Australian and current low-value Papuans) have been imported and are stocked ready for use, so that we may shortly expect the postage stamps of Victoria, Tasmania, West Australia, the 9d New South Wales and Queensland, and the Postage Dues to appear with this watermark. It is also possible, nay, very probable, that it will also be issued to the New South Wales and Queensland printing offices to print their own stamps on. The reason for the alteration is that the double-lined A and Crown paper is sent ungummed and has to be gummed locally, while the new paper is ready gummed before importation.”

If all current values in both perforations (and compounds) appear on this paper, it will add about six or eight pages to the bulk of the next Part I. Then we shall probably see the long-promised *Commonwealth* issue, which will also be attended by perforation varieties.

Turning to the foreign section, there will be the completion of the new *Argentine Republic* issue, which has just begun with two values noted in this number. *Brazil* is to scrap the Affonso Penna Official issue in favour of a new one bearing the portrait of the President, Marshal Hermes da Fonseca; and no doubt other South American Republics will oblige as usual; in fact, we believe that a new set for *Nicaragua* is in course of preparation in London destined, no doubt, to receive further attention at the hands of the Surcharging Department of that ingenious State.

The *United States* will be responsible for a fresh series with the values plainly marked in figures. No change is required in the 3c, 4c, 5c and 6c, and these, with the 1c and 2c, will bear the portrait of Washington, whilst the five higher values with that of Franklin will be the 8c, sage-green, 10c, deep orange, 15c, grey-black, 50c, purple, and $1, deep violet.

A series of *Siamese* stamps is being made in Leipzig, the home of Messrs. Giesecke and Devrient, which firm has already produced more than one issue for this kingdom. The new issue, like the last is designed by Sr. Tamagno, and will bear the head of the young King Wajirawudh.

Events in *China* being, so to speak, still *sub judice,* no certain forecast can be attempted, but one may venture to say that a new set here would not be an unlooked-for surprise.

We have seen it stated that a new set will become necessary for *French Indo-China* in consequence of the projected withdrawal of the current stamps; the reason given for this step is that the originals of the portraits thereon are well known locally as ladies of the “Glad-eye” persuasion, and their retention on the postage stamps is likely to have a demoralizing effect, but perhaps this is only an excuse for aiding a demoralized exchequer!

The list of European stamp-issuing States is to be enlarged, albeit but slightly, by the inclusion of the little principality of *Liechtenstein;* the postal agreement between this State and Austria has been terminated, and stamps with the portrait of the reigning Prince are being prepared at the Imperial Printing Works in Vienna. Something of an anomaly arises in this respect, as only denominations of 5, 10, and 25 heller are to appear, it is intended on January 1st, but for all higher values the Austrian stamps will still be current; thus we may find stamps of two different countries paying postage together on the same letter. Indeed, Liechtenstein seems to be the home of anomalous situations, for who would imagine this microscopic independent realm to be officially in a state of war with its big neighbour Prussia? Yet this is so; in the war of 1866 between Prussia and Austria it was Liechtenstein that first threw down the gauntlet to the former, and in the subsequent settling up of differences the two big combatants were so engrossed in their own importance that their representatives quite forgot to include Liechtenstein in the treaty of peace.

In consequence of the reduction of the parcels rate between *Luxemburg* and the German Empire, the former State will issue two new values of 45c and 62½c for short and long-distance packets of the weight of 5 kilogrammes.

The long-promised *Belgian* issue with the portrait of King Albert is still overdue, though they were long ago said to be in hand at the Malines printing works.

It is to be hoped that something will be done to clear up the *Portuguese* muddle and demonetize the provisionals that may remain; some excellent designs (reproduced in this paper). have been submitted, and there has been plenty of time to get well under way with the plate-making.

Finally, and forecasting still farther into the future, February, 1913, has been named as the month of issue for a new *Russian* series for the glorification of the three-hundredth anniversary of the Romanov Dynasty; the details, as published in the continental Press, are as follows:—

1kop,	Peter the Great.
2 ”	Alexander II.
3 ”	Alexander III.
4 ”	Peter the Great.
7 ”	Nicolas II (the Czar).
10 ”	Nicolas II.
14 ”	Katharine II. the Great.
15 ”	Nicolas I.
20 ”	Alexander I.
25 ”	Alexei Michailovitch.
35 ”	Paul I.
50 ”	Elizabeth Petrovna.
70 ”	Michael Fedorovitch.
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2 ”	Winter Palace, Petersburg.
3 ”	House of Romanov.
5 ”	Nicolas II.

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CHRONICLE OF NEW ISSUES AND VARIETIES

Edited by HENRY A. KIDDER.

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Our correspondents continue to report the new varieties of the 2c Columbian stamps, though most of them have already been reported. Louis J. Hebel has shown us a fine specimen of the double line with the outer line very strongly marked. Frank E. Goodwin also reports the double line, and also several of the broken line sub varieties. Mr. Goodwin also reports a minor variety of the 1c Columbian. The normal type has heavy vertical shade lines under the word "States". In some stamps this shading is almost entirely missing.

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R. J. Wagner sends us a current 2c stamp imperforate at top and bottom, and perforated 8 holes at the sides. We have previously chronicled the 5-hole and 7-hole varieties as reported by Mr. Wagner and Mr. Eldredge, and this adds another to the list of private perforations.

CONGO.—Mr. Schachne has shown us a provisional as well as a change in paper and impression for the regular cards. We notice a larger size for the double cards. The provisional is made from Senf No. 2 by a "10" in black (same type as on Senf No. 9) over lower part of the stamp.

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10c on 15 orange on pale buff.
5c green on orange; 130x80 mm.
5x5c green on orange; 141x91 mm.
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COSTA RICA.—The Postal authorities in Costa Rica are certainly making up for lost time in the matter of surcharges. We have already chronicled the 10c, 20c, 50c and 1 colon Telegraph stamps surcharged "Un centavo". Several of our French contemporaries report that the 5 and 10 colones have also received the same surcharge. The two higher values were exhausted in a few hours on the same day they were placed on sale.

Now the surchargers have gone back to the earlier postage series, the 4c of 1903 and 10c of 1907 having been surcharged "Habilitado — 1911" like the other values previously noted. The surcharge on the 4c stamp is in black, while the 10c has been found with both black and red surcharges. We are indebted to Hermann Focke and William Lloyd for specimens of these latest surcharges. Mr. Focke calls attention to the fact that the surcharge on the 10c actually reads "Habillltado" instead of "Habilitado".

Lemaire's Journal says that the first value of the new permanent series has been issued, but we have no details except that the stamp bears the portrait of Christopher Columbus.

Adhesive.

5c gray.

Provisional Adhesives.

Surcharged "Habilitado—1911" on stamps of 1907.
4c red brown; black surcharge.
10c blue and black; black surcharge.
10c blue and black; red surcharge.

ITALY.—*Lemaire's Journal* notes the issue of a stamp for the pneumatic post in Milan and Rome.

Pneumatic Stamp.

10c red.

Offices in Tripoli.—A correspondent reports to *Lemaire's Journal* that letters are arriving in Italy from Tripoli, franked with the stamps of Italy without surcharge.

Offices in Crete.—William L. Aldrich has shown us the reissue of the 15c slate, Scott's A38 reengraved, announced some time since, surcharged "La Canea" for use in Crete.

Adhesive.

15c slate; reengraved.

IVORY COAST.—Mr. Schachne has the reduced rate letter card with oblong stamp like the current letter cards of Dahomey, Guinea, etc.

Letter Card.

10c carmine on gray.

NEWFOUNDLAND. — Maxwell Krause has shown us a strip of three 15c lithographed stamps of the Guy issue, the figure "1" in upper left corner of the left hand stamp having a diagonal mark cutting off the upper part of the figure. This appears to have been caused by a defect in the stone from which the stamps were printed.

NICARAGUA.—Another surprise from Nicaragua! We are indebted to Hermann Focke for the first view of another new series of stamps from Nicaragua. This set, which is of larger size than that chronicled last month, 22x26 mm., was also printed by the Waterlows. The new stamps are for use on the Atlantic Coast, or in Bluefields and Cape Gracias. There is, however, neither surcharge nor any other sign of the stamps being good for postage on the Atlantic Coast only, aside from the fact that the size and design is entirely different from that of the stamps issued for Nicaragua proper, recently reported. The general arrangement of the frame is similar to that of the other set, the figures of value appearing in the four corners, with "Correos 1911" at the sides, with "Republica—de—Nicaragua" in three curved lines at the top and "Centavos" at the bottom. The centre shows a drawing of an old-fashioned locomotive, such apparently being still used in Nicaragua. The stamps are all printed in a single color, except the 35c value, on white unwatermarked paper, and are perforated 14.

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Mr. Focke says that the presence of the 3c value in the new set confirms his belief that the same value exists in the set for Nicaragua proper, but is withheld for the exclusive use of the benevolent party who advanced the money to pay the printers' bill.

Adhesives.

1c yellow green.
2c red orange.
3c orange brown.
4c carmine lake.
5c blue.
10c slate.
35c red brown and black.

PHILIPPINES.—H. H. Bandholtz reports that the 6c purple, 10c blue, 12c orange, 30c light blue and $1 lavender, and 20c special delivery, on paper with single line watermark, were on sale at the Manila Postoffice, Dec. 26, 1911.

PORTUGAL.—Whitfield King and Co. inform us that several more values of the Madeira Vasco da Gama stamps have been surcharged "Republica" for use in the mother country. We have already chronicled the 25c, 50c and 75c thus treated. The new values are the 2½r, 15 on 5r, 100r and 1000 on 100r. Of the 2½r only 35,000 were issued, most of which were distributed among the principal towns of Portugal, and the few that were placed on sale at the Lisbon Post Office were sold out in a few hours. Of the 15 on 5r the number issued was 55,000, and these were all sold out in four days.

Lemaire's Philatelist says that the 150r Madeira Vasco da Gama stamp has been surcharged with new value and "Republica", for use in Portugal.

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RIO DE ORO.—A new series of stamps has been issued for this Colony similar to those described elsewhere for Gulf of Guinea.

Adhesives.

1c red.
2c violet.
5c blue green.
10c red.
15c dark orange.
20c brick red.
25c blue.
30c violet brown.
40c dark green.
50c rose.
1p carmine.
4p aark rose.
10p brown black.

RUSSIA. — *Maury's Collectionneur* chronicles a new provisional envelope, the 10k of 1889 having been surcharged in black with a new value.

Provisional Envelope.

7k on 10k blue on cream.

SALVADOR. — Hermann Focke has shown us the 5c and 6c values of last year's set of these commemorative stamps, printed on paper with the familiar honeycomb watermark. The 12c still comes on ordinary paper, but it may also exist on the watermarked paper.

SERVIA.—William L. Aldrich and Whitfield King and Co. have shown us a new series of stamps from Servia, which we are informed are for use on newspaper, and which, moreover, are not for sale to all who apply. The design represents a woman sitting, turned three-quarters to the right, with right hand resting on a sword standing by her side. The left rests on a non-descript figure, which may have been intended to represent the arms of the country. If this were so, evidently the design was not satisfactory as all values have a small shield, surmounted by a crown, printed in black, above and upon the left hand. "Servia" appears in colorless letters, engraved directly upon the background in the upper right corner, while the value in figures and words is printed in a tablet at the bottom, extending across the design and separated from the rest of the stamp by a broad colorless line. The stamps are printed on white unwatermarked paper, and are perforated. The colors are weak, and the appearance decidedly mediocre.

Whitfield King and Co. have shown us two new values in the new set, with portrait of the King.

Adhesives.

50pa brown.
1d orange.

Newspaper Stamps.

1pa gray and black.
5pa pale yellow green and black.
10pa pale red and black.
15pa violet and black.
20pa pale yellow and black.
25pa blue and black.

SPANISH GULF OF GUINEA.—According to *Madrid Filatelico,* a new series of stamps has been issued for this Colony. The portrait of King Alfonzo is turned to the left, instead of the right, and the inscriptions are reversed, "Terrs. Espanoles del Golfo de Guinea" appearing in a curved line at the top and "Correos" below the portrait with the value in a tablet at the bottom. The portrait is framed by wreaths of oak and olive.

Adhesives.

1c black.
2c black brown.
5c blue green.
10c red.
15c dark rose.
20c carmine.
25c blue.
30c rose.
40c red.
50c dark orange.
1p violet brown.
4p violet.
10p dark green.

BAVARIA.

By FRED MICHAEL.

Bavaria—Prince Luitpold. "Made in Germany" that the stamps proclaim before we read their letters, study their designs. No foreign artist drew those lines, mixed those colors. German art and a German portrait. Not idealized, of a man who rules and yet can share his peoples pleasures.

From Bayern and to many a Bavarian far from home these stamps will go, waking memories of the Fatherland and Prince. And so they should. It is not by chance that Washington appears so often on our own but to remind us of our country's birth, her history, and to awake in us thoughts of patriotism.

When a letter travels across the sea to one in a foreign land, the wanderer sees the bit of color first, a flag that should stir him with thoughts of country, home.

TRADE NOTE.

P. M. Wolsieffer, Chicago, will bring his city to the fore as an auction center by the dispersal of a hundred thousand dollar property. The first sale will be advertised by an edition of ten thousand catalogues which will be sent all over the world. Just how many sales the collection will make is not known precisely but all judgment will be observed and the market will not be forced in any way.

A DISCOVERY IN NEW ZEALANDS.

Charles Lathrop Pack has recently come in possession of a one shilling New Zealand (watermarked Star) 1862, which has the serrated perforation. Specialists in the early stamps of New Zealand have long thought it possible that the one shilling would be found in this condition.

Mr. Pack's specimen has been examined by both M. P. Castle and W. T. Wilson, and both agree that it is quite genuine, and a most interesting stamp, hitherto unseen by either of them.—*P. J. of G. B.*

NEW CHINESE STAMPS PROBABLE.

By H. A. BENNER.

We, as philatelists, may shortly expect a new issue of stamps from what shall soon be, The Republic of China.

A rough guess at the design of the new stamps, would possibly suggest, the six pointed star, the lately chosen emblem of the Revolutionists.

It is just a matter of days, until the dragon, which has always been the symbol of tyranny, idolatry, fear and superstition, and which has hitherto adorned the stamps and flag of the Celestial Empire, shall be entirely eliminated as the emblem of the yellow race, and shall have given place to the six pointed star, the emblem of light, liberty and progress.

After the recent great victories for the republicans, and now since sixteen of the nineteen provinces have fallen into the hands of the revolutionists, it is plainly seen that a republican government for China, and the end of the Manchu rule, and the "Chinese Imperial Post", is unavoidable.

NEWS GLEANINGS.

—Henry V. Blackburn of 53 Miller Ave., Toronto, has been elected Secretary-Treasurer of the Canadian Philatelic Association. Congratulations to the association!

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from Herman W. Boers (2), E. Weiss, J. Blum, Arthur W. Line.

—Herman W. Boers favors us with a copy of an official circular sent out from the office of the Third Assistant Postmaster General, calling attention to the fact that some 10,000 so-called post cards are daily sent as unmailable direct from the office of deposit to the Dead Letter Office because of failure to comply with the postal provisions. The department urges manufacturers to co-operate with the department in avoiding the placing upon the market of unmailable cards. Special emphasis is laid upon cards that bear mica or tinsel ornaments.

—We are indebted to J. J. Prendergast and J. Doemich for back numbers of the WEEKLY sent us in connection with our recent request. W. A. Kain, R. M. Leland and R. J. Wagner have likewise favored us with copies.

—On account of increased professional duties and lack of time for outside correspondence, Mr. L. Harald Kjellstedt has found it necessary to tender his resignation as President of the Southern Philatelic Association.

—We wish to call attention to the fact that an error occurred in a recent Peckitt advertisement, when proofs of Solomon Island stamps were offered at 18c per set. The price should have been 9sh or $2.16. We make this explanation in justice to the firm.

OUR PICTORIAL STAMP REBUS

(Continued from page 47.)

We received nearly two score entries where two or more of the designs failed to be correctly answered and we are pleased to recognize their interest even though they failed to rank among the prize winners. In this list are the following: Stanley Cermack, Charles Huscher, Frederic C. De Puy, Edw. W. Bridge, O. H. Hilding, Chicago, Ill., W. O. Thiede, Edw. G. Braislin, Chas. B. Ryan, Roland A. Bryant, David D. Reid, W. H. Richards, Jr., Meredith Staub, Geo. T. Edson, Edw. Chamberlin, F. R. Lawrence, W. H. Lieber, C. H. Caldwell, Foster A. Tillotson, Paul E. Hollister, G. E. Fountain, L. G. Williams, Geo. M. Williams, Clyde P. Delancey, Chas. B. Paine, Jas. H. White, Alfred M. Ferguson, F, N. Chevalier, Donald M. Halstad, J. H. White, M. T. Roberts, Major Gilman, Laurence P. Dodge, F. W. Sutton, E. R. Cook, Chas. B. Paine, Mrs. C. C. Cochran.

In sending in his entry Frederick C. De Puy makes this comment on the 1c 1902 U. S. Scott's No. 300:—"The figure on either side the portrait of Franklin upholds an electric light bulb, in recognition of Franklin's electrical discoveries. Mr. Melville's book calls these figures "caryatides", but since they are male, the proper term is "atlantes" or "telamones".

Chas. Huscher frankly confesses that he experienced hard sledding. We quote as follows from the letter accompanying his entry:—"Got so interested in it that I could not stop. Did not find all but am sending what I did find. Hated to give up but as my time is up thought that I would send in what I have. I will be interested to know where that three legged fish is, where that AD appears and what country is responsible for having a buzz saw on its stamps branded with a figure "1". Had a very long hunt for that tea kettle. Looked a week for the horse shoe and whip among all the sporting countries that I could think of and then eventually found it in Japan."

The entry of Chas. F. Dosch, Jr., to which reference is made above is deserving of more than passing mention, as his failure to solve No. 3 hung by a slender thread. A bit of verse accompanied each solution, of which the following accompanying No. 6 is a sample:—

Also a dabbing of ink, plainly quartered and scrolled.
In mystery may be vested,
As an honest confession, we our labors unfold,
For three hours it had us bested.

In about two weeks we shall present a rebus of a little different character and one that will arouse a sharp competition. We are positive that our subscribers appreciate the stamp hunting contests that we have favored them with.

WITH THE BOY PHILATELIST.

Edited by BERTRAM W. H. POOLE, Box 231, Altadena, Calif.

We propose to insert upon this page matter that will be of interest to the boy collector. Some two thousand boys are now on our mailing list and it is our desire to come closely in contact with them in such a manner as will be most helpful. Any information desired will be cheerfully rendered through these columns. Do not submit stamps for examination.

BRITISH TELEPHONE STAMPS.

Since New Year's Day the National Telephone Co., of Great Britain, has been incorporated with the government system operated in connection with the Post Office so that the telephone system of the country is now entirely nationalised. It is literally a case of the lesser absorbing the greater for the National Telephone Co. had more subscribers, more lines, a larger staff, etc., than the government concern. Preparations for this step were, of course, made some years ago as it involves some millions of dollars capital besides an enormous increase in the staff of government employes. Though the National Telephone Co. started its operations in 1880, from the first it has only been able to carry on business under license from the Postmaster-General for telephones and telegraphs were considered his special preserves as much as the post itself.

It is not generally known even among stamp collectors that for a period of nearly seven years of its existence, the National Telephone Co. issued stamps of its own and moreover these stamps bore a portrait other than that of the Sovereign. In the course of an interesting article in the *Philatelic Record* for July, 1909, Mr. A. R. Bennett, M. I. E. E., who originated these interesting labels, tells why they were issued and how they were used. Under the terms of the license granted to the Company by the Postmaster-General, the general public were not allowed to use telephone offices for the purpose of calling up telephone subscribers. The call offices were for the use of subscribers only who were allowed to use them without charge on producing proof of identity. After lengthy agitation on the part of the Company the Post Office allowed the general public to use the call offices on condition that 10% of the fees charged should be handed to the government. It was for the purpose of collecting these fees and keeping a check on the sums taken that the stamps were issued. After the plan had been approved by the directors, Mr. Bennett humorously suggested that a portrait of the chairman of the Company, Colonel Robert Raynsford Jackson, would form a most appropriate device for the stamps. One of the directors took the suggestion quite seriously and undertook to obtain Col. Jackson's consent. Some time and a good deal of persuasion were necessary to overcome the Colonel's sense of modesty, but at last he gave his consent. The stamps were engraved and printed by Messrs. Maclure, Macdonald & Co. of Glasgow, there being four values altogether, viz., 1d, 3d, 6d and 1s. Subsequently a 4d stamp was issued to meet a demand for this value in connection with a new rate. The portrait was the same for all values though the borders for each were quite distinctive. The only inscriptions consisted of the name of the Company and the denotation of value. The total quantities printed were:—

1d black,	122,000
3d dull red,	125,000
4d blue,	23,000
6d green,	94,000
1s brown,	61,000

Then, to quote Mr. Bennett, "Almost as soon as the stamps were on sale, some wag posted a number of letters at Whitehaven franked only with telephone stamps. Had an infernal machine gone off in St. Martin's-le-Grand the consternation of the Post Office could scarcely have been greater. It was the first that the department had heard of the new issue, and they instantly protested 'in holy anger and pious grief' against a subject presuming to put himself on an equality with the sovereign by graving his head on an adhesive stamp. Never before had such presumption been known! Of course no such idea of competing with the revered Queen Victoria had been entertained, and as the company's money had been spent on nearly half a million of the offending labels, the directors declined to recall the issue unless the Post Office could satisfy them that an illegality had been committed." After some correspondence it appeared likely that Post Office pressure might be pushed to extreme lengths and Mr. Bennett prepared an alternative design of "less traitorous complexion." This however, was never made use of for as official anger showed signs of cooling, the use of the offending labels was continued. There were periodic grumblings and enquiries as to when the new stamps would be ready until in 1891, the Postmaster-General "requested" the discontinuance of the stamps with such effect that they were immediately withdrawn from use.

These labels are, of course, chiefly of interest to specialists in the stamps of Great Britain, but they are also of considerable general interest as stamps out of the ordinary. They instituted a new class of stamps for communication purposes and the example set by this private company was later followed by several European telephone administrations. The labels are not particularly common, their average being $5.00 unused, and $1.00 used, according to the quotations given in Gibbons' catalogue.

FRENCH COLONIAL STAMPS.

A correspondent enquires if the diamond shaped cancellation containing letters found on the general issues for the French Colonies refer to the several colonies. Yes, by studying these cancellations it is possible to apportion the stamps to the respective colonies in which they were used. The following is a list of these lettered obliterations:—

A S I	(Assinie) French Guinea.
C C H	Cochin China.
G A B	Gaboon.
G O R	(Goree) Senegal.
G P E	Guadeloupe.
G N E	French Guiana.
I N D E	Indian Settlements.
M Y E	Mayotte.
M Q E	Martinique.
N C E	New Caledonia.
N S B	Nossi-Bè.
O C E	(Oceania) Tahiti.
R	Reunion.
R E N	Reunion.
S E N	Senegambia.
S N G	Senegal.
S P M	St. Pierre and Miquelon.

HOGAN AND FINERTY CONSIDER THE DISPOSAL OF SOME BONES.

"Oi hear," said Finerty, as he ensconced himself in Hogan's most comfortable chair, "thot McMann has bought th' car-r-rpse. Phwat wull he do wid ut, Oi dinnaw."

"Not th' car-r-rpse, Finerty; not th' car-r-rpse, but only the skeleton," replied Hogan, after a pause. "Ut wor did, months ago, an' McMann only got th' bones."

"Oi'm a thinkin' they'll be slim pickin' if thot's th' case," said Finerty.

"No pickin' at all at all," said Hogan, "but an iligant chanct t' sharpen his teeth."

For a time there was silence, broken only by the rustle of papers and stamps as Hogan worked with an approval selection. After a while he paused, lighted his pipe, and after getting it well started, resumed:

"Ut all goes t' show, Finerty, thot narra'ness, back-boitin' an' scandal-mongherin' must be paid f'r in th' ind. Yez can't driss a loi in foine raimint an' make ut annythin' but a loi. Soon 'r late th' bones 'll shtick t'roo th' coverin', an' whin ut does thot, all th' world knows ut's nawthin' but a skeleton.

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* * * *

"Has Nicaragy put out anny new shtamps, the wake?" asked Finerty.

"Ut has not, praise be", replied Hogan; "but Chiny is threatenin' an' they's dar-r-rk chances in Pershy. Thrippoly hasn't done annythin' yit, but Oi'm fearin' th' worst. Mixico is shtill a shtorm cinter an' Honduras is gettin' riddy t' put on a new movin' pitcher show. So we c'n all cheer up, f'r bad as ut is, th' worst is yit t' come.

"Th' wan broight shpot is thot they won't be anny new English shtamps till King Jarge is sick av th' chromos they're sindin' out on th' English mail, but this is offsit be th' fact thot Uncle Sam is preparin' a new lot t' take th' place av th' two watthermar-r-rks we're sthrugglin' with now.

"All these things, Finerty, make loife a long swate dhream f'r the d'aler wid a lot av new-issue custhomers, thot wants perfectly cintered copies at tin percint over face. Bein' wan av 'em, Oi inj'y bein' shtung wid th' rist av them, but f'r the sake av me pocketbook, Oi'd rather take a fair profit on a few old U. S. 'r used British colonies.

"They's a good thrade, though, in used Cinthral Americans, an thim thot's been woise enough t' lay thim in. sh'u'd make a good profit. 'Tis a plisure t' say th' way they're comin' up, Finerty. Ut's wan av th' things thot reconcoiles me t' shtay in th' shtamp business."—*Stamps.*

ABOLISHING POSTAGE STAMPS.

W. H. E. WANKLYN in *Scientific American.*

In your issue of August 19th last, on page 169, under the heading of "Abstracts from Current Periodicals," there is a reference to "Abolishing Postage Stamps," and it is quoted that in Bavaria since February 1st, 1910, large consignments are simply stamped with a postmark at the post office, the operation being carried out by machinery. The practice of stamping in this manner has been in vogue for many years in the Dominion of New Zealand, and what is more, for the past six years the postal authorities have permitted the use of automatic stamping machines, and they are now almost indispensable in every business in the Dominion.

The machines are purchased by the user, being certified to and sealed by the department before going into use. All documents requiring stamping, such as postages, receipts, telegrams, drafts, bills of exchange, bills of lading, etc., are stamped with the necessary values by the machine. Periodical readings are taken by the Postal Department and payment made on a debit note.

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Stamping machine impressions are *not negotiable,* as in the case of postage stamps. Wrong additions in the postage book, overcharging postages, abbreviating telegrams, etc.,, can avail the office boy nothing, because he has to manufacture his postages, etc., as he requires them, and being without petty cash he is perforce kept honest.

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DEFECTIVE AND REPAIRED.

By EDWIN B. HILL.

The hour of attainment of the perfection copy of a rare stamp is already passing; for the philatelic treasure with which every collector would pleasure his eyes and feed his soul is limited in issue and to a far greater extent, non-existent in the condition which has been set as dead-line in the collection.

Whither are we drifting? Shall we, the commonalty of mankind, pass by on the other side when some "tattered darling" is offered for a sum trifling compared with the cost of a perfect specimen? Shall we, who, with loving care, have picked up hither and yon our choicest gems, be barred forever from further growth of our collection in beloved countries?

Come, let us digress.

I began collecting the bits of paper more than thirty years ago, when condition was not so great a factor as it is today: the stamp was the thing, and merely to be able to say one had a copy of such or such a rarity was sufficient to give prestige to owner and collection. But with the passing of this boyish lot of stamps, pasted fully and securely in an old Opper's album, Philatelia lost an earnest and enthusiastic devotee.

The passing years saw several sporadic revivals of interest, resulting finally in the acquirement of a collection which was a pride—every stamp well-centered, lightly cancelled and the collection "written up" in an exhaustive manner. (I was surely pioneer in the demand for the perfectly centered irreproachable copy!) But the collection passed when other duties called.

The love slumbered: death was never its portion. A friendly collector fanned the embers, a few years ago, until they burst into flame. Mellowed by the passing years, chastened, perhaps, by world experience, the love glows unquenched.

The collection grew. Once more the common and the scarce stamps were garnered, together with a rarity, now and then,—all, of necessity, perfectly centered and lightly cancelled.

Then came the inevitable delay, which almost resulted in cessation of the search; for the blank spaces were numerous and the stamps necessary to fill them—the scarce and the rare—proved most elusive.

Among the stamps difficult to procure but occasionally met with are some specimens more or less damaged,—a thin spot,—perhaps a tear,—a corner missing,—a minute part of the design gone.

Among my books are some few rare and much-loved tomes, once broken of joints and damaged of occasional leaves,—scant of a leaf, too,—which have been expertly rebacked, the missing page replaced in fac-simile, and the damaged leaves repaired. But the edition's the thing, and this restored rarity is one which I may afford, where its perfect companion is attainable only by some Maecenas whose purse still boasts unexplored depths.

Among the stamps in my collection are a few rarities, picked up at a low price,—rarities which, fortunately for me, have been damaged. I would not disfigure my collection with them, in their crippled condition; but when they came back to me from the expert repairer's clinic (as German philatelists designate it), the stamps were, from my point of view, an ornament to a collection.

If the defective repaired stamp were forbidden wholly, where would be my United States 1870 issue 12 cents with grille, with a half dozen perforations clipped? My $2.00 State, lacking an essential portion, now supplied from a fellow-cripple? And my 24 cents Justice,—what may be said of its tear? Where would rest the rarest type of the 1-30th Oldenburg, 1852-5, with its close margins; a treasured 2 cents Hawaiian, 1861, on horizontally laid? What of these and other rare and semi-rare stamps among their seven or eight thousand perfect fellows?

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In the garden of the world are many flowers. Some are perfect of their kind; others are dwarfed; still others stunted; and others, injured by careless hands, lack the perfection one loves to linger over. But all, both perfect and maimed, have the fragrance inimical of the species.

In the garden of philatelia are many stamps. Some are perfect of their kind; others are more or less defective by reason of contact with ruthless or careless hands. All teach the lesson, and mayhap bring joy into some heart,—the lingering loving caress of eyes lavished upon the perfect as upon the imperfect specimen,—so catholic are the tastes of the true stamp-lover!

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THE LURE OF THE COMMON STAMP.

By Frank E. Goodwin.

Don't despise the common, the cheap, the insignficant stamps. In them a great deal of pleasure, and profit, too, can be derived. The common packets, a thousand for a quarter, may and often do contain many stamps which a student of stamps can add to his collection. No matter if one has every regularly issued stamp of the United States, one or more of these packets will bring to light something worth looking for.

Recently I purchased several of these common mixtures of United States stamps, and although I have a fairly complete collection. I found several varieties and oddities which I could add to my collection, or to trade with some serious collectors who did not possess them. Among the stamps secured in this way was a 3 cent green 1873, unperforated, with splendid margins all around. Then there was a nice lightly cancelled copy of the 1 cent blue, 1855-60, type 2, perfect except straight edge w. Two ungrilled 3 cent blue 1869 were also discovered. There were several nice copies of the 1873 three cent green on double paper, a 1 cent buff reissue of 1869, torn, but repairable.

In another lot of mixed United States examined several weeks before I found a well centered, lightly cancelled 2 cent brown 1873, part perforated vertically, with very wide margins. Another prize from this assortment was a nice unsevered pair 3 cent rose 1855-60 with outer line. In another mixture was a 2 cent lake 1890, with right cap. Your readers all know what that is worth.

From an approval book sent out by a big dealer firm I took a 24 cent lilac, 1868, with double grill. In the same book was a 2 cent brown, 1869 without grill.

Another sheet of approvals had a 2 cent war unused, supposed to be on soft paper. But it happened to be on the hard paper, and I annexed it without discovering what I had bought until I had time to place it in my collection. Then I discovered the mistake of the person who made up the sheet.

I could go on and tell further stories of "finds". But what's the use? Some readers would say I was booming the cheap packet business. My experience is that it pays to study stamps, and not to despise even the cheapest—a rare variety may be ready for the collector to play the part of Columbus, and discover something.

"STAMPS HARD TO GET."

Catalog Value $2.00 and Under.

A correspondent suggests that an article dealing with hard-to-get stamps would be appreciated by our readers. We invite contributions to a symposium, suggesting that it be confined to stamps that catalog $2.00 and under. We shall hope to have a sufficient number of entries to make a worthy contribution to our columns.

USE AND MISUSE OF THE NEW DISTINCTIVE REGISTRY STAMP.

Office of Third Asst. P. M. Gen.,
Washington, Jan. 25, 1912.

To All Postmasters:

The distinctive registry stamp of ten-cent denomination is to be used only in the prepayment of the registry fee on registered mail, domestic or foreign, and can be used for no other purpose. (See pages 5, 6 and 7 of the November, 1911, Postal Guide.)

As the new registry stamp is not available for the payment of postage, the following instructions are issued for the treatment of mail upon which the sender has improperly affixed such stamps in an attempt to prepay the postage:

When the distinctive registry stamp is not used, the amount of ordinary postage stamps on any article should first be applied to the payment of postage and the balance, if any, to the payment of the registry fee.

At Post Offices of Mailing.

Both postage and registry fee should be fully prepaid before matter is accepted for registration. Postmasters should decline to accept mail for registration bearing only distinctive registry stamps or bearing such stamps and an insufficient amount in ordinary postage stamps to fully prepay postage. Where mail intended for registration is presented at the post office for that purpose and is found to bear one or more registry stamps which the sender has improperly affixed in payment of the postage, the sender should be required to correct the error, and he may be allowed to remove from the envelope or wrapper the registry stamps used in an effort to pay postage, providing it can be done without mutilating the envelope or wrapper. If the cover is mutilated in attempting to remove the registry stamps, it will be necessary for the sender to reinclose the matter intended for registration.

When a letter or other article of the first class upon which the *postage* is wholly unpaid, or prepaid at less than one full rate (two cents), or any matter of other than the first class upon which the *postage* is not fully prepaid with ordinary postage stamps, has been registered by mistake or is found in the ordinary mail drop intended for registration, it should be held for prepayment and the sender, or, if the sender can not be promptly located, the addressee, required to supply the deficiency.

When any short-paid matter of the first class upon which one full rate of *postage* (two cents) has been prepaid by ordinary postage stamps is registered by mistake or found in the ordinary mail drop intended for registration, an effort should be made to collect the deficiency from the sender before dispatch; but if the sender cannot be promptly located, the article, if registered, will be rated up, the amount of the deficiency noted thereon for collection from the addressee upon delivery, and the article dispatched as registered mail. If the article has been deposited in the ordinary mail drop and the sender can not be promptly located, it should be indorsed "Not in the registered mail" and dispatched as ordinary mail.

At Post Offices of Address.

When through inadvertence an article bearing one or more of the distinctive registry stamps *only* reaches the office of destination, double the deficiency in postage should be collected from the addressee upon delivery and, if practicable, the envelope or wrapper obtained from the addressee and forwarded to the Third Assistant Postmaster General, Division of Registered Mails with a statement of the facts in the case.

When a registered article reaches the office of destination bearing ordinary postage stamps sufficient only to partially pay the postage, the deficiency in postage, computed at the single rate, should be collected upon delivery and the irregularity in accepting the matter for registration at the post office of mailing reported to the Department for administrative action.

Upon application therefor a refund *to the senders* of the excessive amount paid in registry fee by the improper use of the distinctive registry stamps will be authorized. In connection with this subject attention is directed to Sections 412, 421, amended Sections 571, 616, 618, 807 and amended Sections 809 and 873 of the Postal Laws and Regulations.

James J. Britt,
Third Asst. P. M. Gen.

AUTOMATIC FRANKING.

(Last week we called attention to the working of an automatic franking machine in England, and the *Weekly Circular* issued by Oswald Marsh, gives us a few additional particulars. We quote the following from this publication.—Ed.)

On January 25th an automatic franking machine was brought into use for experimental purposes at the General Post Office, London, and this, we presume, is in all probability the forerunner of a system of automatic franking, which, in New Zealand, has become so popular with large business houses, that high value postage stamps have become very much scarcer, and may eventually be dispensed with altogether. The machine tried at the G. P. O. consists of a letter box with narrow aperture, in this the letter to be franked is inserted, a penny is then placed in a slot just below and a handle at the right is turned, the letter vanishes and is not seen again by the public till the postman delivers it in the ordinary course. The machine impresses on the letter a red circular device, consisting of an outer line within which, at the top, is inscribed in a curve, "London, E. C.", below this a large 1D, then in a straight line the words "Postage Paid", and below this an imperial crown. This device falls about 1 inch from the top of the letter and 2¼ inches from the right side if the envelope is pushed as far into the opening as it will go, and at the same time as far to the left of the opening as possibe.

The general extension of the penny-in-the-slot system, which these experiments seem to indicate, would mean, not alone a great saving of labour by the Post Office, but a great convenience to the general public, especially in all places where the post offices close at 8 p. m.

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In British Colonies this collection is very complete and contains some remarkable pieces: there are 73 Sydney Views, 2, 5sh. St. Vincent star watermark, and hundreds of other equally attractive stamps.

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NEWS GLEANINGS.

Under this heading we desire to publish all the news from the various philatelic centers. Correspondents' names will be given unless prohibited as we desire to give full credit for services rendered.

—The following from A. C. Roessler is self explanatory:—"I note complaint by Mr. Saulnier against Fred Megson, Ft. Francis, Ont., Canada. I have just received payment from this party for goods sent two years ago. He was in the employ of the Harvester Trust Co. and used its stationery in requesting wholesale lots on approval. Lawyers in Minneapolis (where he then lived) were unable to collect and letters to the manager of the the company brought the same result—'Mr. Megson promises to pay at once?' I then traced him to Ft. Francis and the inspector at Winnipeg, Mr. W. W. McLeod, speedily brought Megson to terms."

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from K. Baumann, Frank E. Smith, Walter F. Slusser.

—L. G. Williams of Bradford, Pa., submits a drawing for a pictorial rebus contest and even names three prizes that he will be pleased to award in connection with a proposed contest. Our plans for the next four months in this direction are definitely fixed and we regret that we are unable to take advantage of Mr. Williams' kindness.

—George E. Beard submits a book containing a large number of 2c 1903 U. S. in varying shades of carmine. As is well known this stamp lends itself to a wonderful assortment of shades. Mr. Beard also submits some specimens of Carolina feed stamps.

—In our article on the 4c Columbian varieties, issue of Feb. 3, type 3 should have been located on left numeral 4 instead of right.

—"I wish to endorse Mr. Powell's article on the amalgamation of the M. P. A. & S. P. A. and would suggest that everything possible be done to help this project, both by the press and the societies."—J. H. Foster.

—W. H. Lieber, Milwaukee, Wis., submits for our inspection a drawing designed to give the comparative valuations of packets, ranging from 100 to 1500 varieties. His prices use as a basis the current market valuations for the 100, 1000 and 1500 variety packets. While we do not reproduce Mr. Lieber's diagram we make the following extract from his letter:—

"For some time past I have been carrying on a small stamp trade, dealing mostly in packets ranging in magnitude from 100 to 1000 varieties. In order to facilitate the uniform pricing of the packets of various size, I carefully estimated the prices of several sized packets, plotted these values on cross-section paper (as per the sample accompanying this letter) and drew a smooth curve through the points plotted. From this curve I was able to read directly the price of any sized packet within the limits of the curve, and I find this method to be a simple and efficient one for arriving at a uniform scale of prices. From the enclosed curve, the plotting points of which are average prices of packets containing 100, 1000, 1500 varieties respectively, it will be noted that the price of any sized packet containing between 0 and 1500 varieties can be read directly."

—What is the earliest postmark on the new 10c U. S.? D. G. Allen reports "Greenfield, Ill., Jan. 29, 1912."

—March 11 the Nassau Stamp Co. will hold its 29th auction sale at their offices in N. Y. City. The sale comprises an unusually fine lot of U. S. stamps including many and varied rarities.

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SYDNEY VIEWS.

By A. F. Bassett Hull.

Some stamps were ready for issue on the date the Act came into force, but the supply was not equal to the demand. On 3rd January, 1850, Mr. Raymond reported that the average number printed daily was less than 5,000, and on the 23rd of the same month he stated that 130,000 stamps had been printed, but it was only within the preceding few days that the supply had been sufficient to meet the demand.

The 1d stamp was printed in red; the 2d in blue, and the 3d in green. The paper used was plain (unwatermarked), yellowish white wove, and the stamps were not perforated, that method of separating them not being invented until some years later.

The 2d value was the most in demand, and the plate soon became worn to such an extent that the design was fast disappearing. Jervis was employed to retouch the plate before the end of January, 1850, and in April of that year he re-engraved the plate in such a manner as to make a marked alteration in its appearance. The vertical lines in the spandrels were replaced by horizontal wavy lines, and the whole of Carmichael's fine engraving was made coarser. The plate was again partially retouched in August, 1850, and about September it was again entirely re-engraved and further re-engravings were rendered necessary in December, 1850, and April, 1851. In each of these re-engravings the general appearance of the stamps was altered so consistently that each stage is capable of reconstruction, and this work has been accomplished by philatelists.

The 1d plate was not so much used, and it was only re-engraved once. This work was also performed by Jervis, who deepened and coarsened Clayton's engraving, and added lines of shading or "clouds" in the "sky."

The 3d was least used, and the plate remained in good order during the three years it was in commission.

Several different papers were used for each value; yellowish, bluish, laid, and ribbed papers being employed.

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The copper plate of the 2d was destroyed by being chopped in pieces by a hatchet. The fragments were assembled some years ago, and a photograph taken from which it was clearly seen that the philatelists who had reconstructed sheets from used specimens had correctly placed the units as originally engraved. Orders were given for the destruction of the 1d and 3d plates, but there is no record of the manner in which they were destroyed, nor were the remains ever discovered.—*Australian Philatelist.*

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News Is Out—Announcement has now been made of an important trade change in this country and reports that have been in circulation for a short time past have been verified by a notice in Stanley Gibbons *Monthly Journal.* Stanley Gibbons, Incorporated, of New York City, has been sold by the directors of Stanley Gibbons, Limited, of London, to purchasers who do not wish their names disclosed but the management of the company remains in the charge of Mr. E. B. Power. The stamps and accessories comprising the stock of the former branch of Stanley Gibbons, Limited, London, in New York City, are said to have inventoried at about $235,000, catalogue price. The privilege of retaining the name of Stanley Gibbons is granted to the buyers but it is stipulated that the word, "Limited," must not be used in connection with it. The New York firm will serve the London house as agents in this country but in no proprietary way will the two be identified.

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Fair Comment — Under the head, "American Bunkum," our excellent contemporary quoted in the foregoing item, interposes a timely warning to the publicity committee of the Panama-Pacific Exhibition to temper its statements with philatelic judgment. Exception is taken to the paragraph: "The collections owned by King George of England, Queen of Netherlands, Lord Crawford, and the German, Italian, Austrian and South American Governments will be sent to San Francisco to be exhibited there." Mr. Phillips, who writes the item, says that it is very unlikely that King George will exhibit and denial is made (as it has been times before) that the Queen of the Netherlands has or ever had a stamp collection. For philatelic consumption the committee's work should be edited. Speaking of the valuation of Mr. George H. Worthington's collection at half a million dollars, Mr. Phillips says that if he could buy it at this figure and did so, he would "soon be able to retire with a fine fortune!"

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Settled — There has been some uncertainty in regard to the status of the later Transvaal issues, unused especially the V. R. I.'s, and the suspicion has been felt by collectors here and there that since the creation of the Union of South Africa, these stamps have been demonetized. The evidence to this effect was thought to be furnished by the offers of parcels or lots of the stamps at prices under face. It should be known that isolated instances of the kind do not prove the case; and even during the period of the use of the Transvaal V. R. I.'s, lots found their way to America occasionally at or under face. It was thought, and properly, at the time that this market condition was due to over-speculation. Now, through the courtesy of Mr. Henry Ades Fowler, we are enabled to submit the following excerpt from a letter dated January 23rd, 1912, from the secretary of the London office of the Union of South Africa: "With reference to your letter of the 15th December addressed to the Crown Agents, of which a copy has been forwarded to this office, I am directed to state that all the issues of stamps of the late British Colonies of South Africa are still current and it is not understood how any unused specimens of these issues can be offering for sale at less than their face value."

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Enough — As explaining the use of the second or locomotive type of Nicaragua concurrently with the first engraved set, a reader says that he is told that the second set is for interior postage. From another source it is learned that the financial troubles which, it was hoped would come to an end with the successful negotiation by Nicaragua of the loan from the American capitalists, have not wholly disappeared from the surface and that some of the politicians say that it is better to combat their national poverty unaided than with the assistance of American dollars. Nicaragua is straining philatelic patience and further excesses may break it; if it would conserve its present popularity Nicaragua should give us a rest.

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As It Was—Philatelic speculators do not always profit by their investments and collectors who observed the wild speculation in the U. S. Columbian issue of 1893, and its disastrous train know that conditions materialize at times, from abnormal causes, to cause staple postal securities to weaken. When the corner in the two-dollar Columbian "broke" the stamps were offered in quantity to banks and large commercial houses at a discount from face; and after such of these institutions as would buy, were stocked, the market sagged lower. A wealthy collector who bought the thirty-cent Columbian in sheets in quantity for investment for reasons that remained after his analysis held the stamps for some years only to be forced to unload them at a liberal discount. The surface has only been scratched in citing these illustrations but the point to be made is that the inherent value of the stamps entering into these transactions is not impaired permanently through any temporary demoralization.

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Growth—The stamps of South America are to the fore and are basking in the warmth of popular favor. They are regaining their once pre-eminent popularity and dealers generally tell of heavy sales of the stamps. The great growth in the space allotment in the albums of to-day compared with that of those issued twenty-five years ago is indicative partly of the wonderful development of many of these countries. While speculation has had its influence in the expansion yet the actual postal progress of the countries is reflected in the stamps. There are many Americans who realize the advance made by the South American countries in the past few decades but there are more of them who do not and it is the majority who would be amazed if they could see the huge volume of mail sent from South America to this country in particular.

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Boomerang—The postoffice department has issued a notice to all postmasters on the "Use and Misuse of the New Distinctive Registry Stamp"; and a perusal of the announcement shows that the stamp is proving itself something of a nuisance to the authorities. Evidently all of the postmasters do not understand the special functions of the new stamp and some of them must have accepted the registry stamp in payment of the ordinary postage, judging from the following item in the circular of instructions: "Upon application therefor, a refund to the senders of the excessive amount paid in registry fee by the improper use of the distinctive registry stamps will be authorized." As the order will be useful to the historian of the stamp, we shall try to make space for it in its entirety, elsewhere.

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By L. HARALD KJELLSTEDT, F. R. P. S.

Svensk Filatelistisk Tidskrift for January contains another installment of valuable notes furnished by Harry Wennberg, Sweden's greatest dealer. Mr. Wennberg states that the supply of the new 1 ore postage stamps watermarked crown is very nearly exhausted, and 1o stamps of the old type (issue of 1892) are being used until the new stamps, watermarked wavy lines, appear. The 2o value, watermarked crown, is exhausted and has been followed by stamps watermarked wavy lines. The 5o with wmk. crown still shows great variations in price quotations. The 5o without wmk. has appeared in a very pale green color instead of the deep green of the first printings.

As I had occasion to mention in a previous number of the WEEKLY, Mr. Wennberg has by contract undertaken to handle the entire retailing of stamps at the general postoffice at Stockholm. Thus it can be seen that everything in the line of Swedish postage stamps passes through his hands. Mr. Wennberg is liberal enough to permit stamp collectors to derive benefit from his position and offers to supply any collectors who find difficulties in obtaining the new stamps with well centered stamps in singles or blocks at face value and return postage. The new official stamps cannot be furnished in unused condition.

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2c COLUMBIAN VARIETIES.

By MRS. JULIA A. B. WHITNEY.

Having read that Mr. Chambers had found in a lot of 374, 2c Columbians, *one* with cap over the numeral 2. I decided to carefully examine a lot of 1094, hoping for a like result. *This,* we are told is the rarest type and one with which every collector is familiar. As for myself, I have never seen one, and to my knowledge, no catalogue has listed it. By the aid of a glass, five stamps were selected, three with a mark over the right "2" and two, with marks over both, somewhat resembling caps, but *all* did not appear just alike, or so well defined as the *cap* of 1890, so the result seemed doubtful.

My next move was to locate, if possible, the other varieties recently announced by the philatelic press.

Dividing the stamps into groups, by the aid of the WEEKLY's illustrations, Type 1, 2 and 3—a group also was formed, of the different varieties of "breaks" in the vertical side line at the right of the stamp, which it will be observed, occurs mostly between the 5th or 6th and 11th *lines,* counting from the bottom. In this group of "breaks," were found Mr. Eugene Klein's variety and that of Mr. Barger's first variety, very distinct in strong lines of color.

Another variety which has not come to my notice is one with a "break" between the 3rd and 4th lines, a strong dash of color between the 5th and 6th, shading into a faintly defined line to the 11th strongly defined.

There were in the "break" zone 12 stamps not classified as varieties, save that all "breaks" were between the 6th and 11th lines, each having 2 or 3 "breaks" more or less distinct. The sources of these imperfections, are doubtless, worn plates and poor printing. Without the aid of a glass, many stamps would be taken as the normal type 1 and the 2nd type of Mr. Barger is particularly elusive.

In a very careful examination of the WEEKLY's Type 3 an interesting observation was made entirely new to me, as I have never seen any notice of it. There are two distinct types, *one* like the illustration, and *another* which called for a division of this group. The 2nd type of this group differs from Hunt's No. 3 in that the color dash is between the 4th and 5th and not between the 3rd and 5th and that the vertical shade line commences at the 11th and not the 9th horizontal line from the bottom.

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RE-ENGRAVED BRITISH.

By OSWALD MARSH.

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George V, ½d green.—We were indebted to Mr. Ewen for the first information regarding this stamp having been issued with Control B11, and on getting a supply we have come to the conclusion that it is also from a re-engraved die. In the case of this value only the head and the scroll between the dolphins' heads appear to have been retouched, the description of the head on the new 1d stamp applies equally to this value. The scroll now has one thick line of shading on the left side in place of two thin ones and the dolphins' heads are more shaded. So far we have only seen the B11 Control on an imperf. margin, but we have it below the centre of the stamp and in another case below the left side of the stamp.—*Weekly Circular.*

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We have received the catalog of the DuPont Sale, to be held Thursday, March 7, at Philadelphia by Eugene Klein Inc., and its list of contents bears out the claims that this firm has been making in regard to the value of the property offered for sale. The nearly five hundred lots are made up entirely of U. S. postage and revenue stamps and envelopes. Many great rarities are listed.

The contents of this sale will be exhibited in Boston Tuesday, Feb. 20, at the B. P. S. club room, the following day at the Collectors' Club in New York, and Feb. 23 in Washington at the office of H. F. Colman. The catalog is accompanied by a fine halftone picture of Mr. DuPont, who died June 16, 1911.

COMMUNICATION.

(We do not hold ourselves responsible for the views expressed by our readers. Our columns are always open for communications of general interest.—Ed.)

BOSTON, MASS., Feb. 9, 1912.

To the Editor:—In your Feb. 3d issue I read with interest your editorial note, headed "High Jump", on the U. S. Revenue stamp, 2c orange on green, by which I suppose was meant the first perforated issue, U. S. I. R., and not the common 3d issue 2c orange on green. I note also that the first-mentioned stamp is now catalogued at $15 "off the cover". This is very pleasing to me, for I believe I was the first collector in Boston to call attention to this rarity, for in the late 80's or early 90's I removed several from the original cover and maintained they were a distinct and rare variety, contrary to some of the "expert" dealers. I think I disposed of a part of the lot on a $2.50 basis and sold one in a B. L. Drew & Co. auction for $6. Soon after I put up one in another of his auctions and was thoroughly provoked when, by advice of the then leading stamp dealer on Summer Street, it was thrown out, without consulting me, as a "changeling". I knew the assertion was false, for nothing about their original location would have caused, or permitted, them to be "a changeling".

It is very gratifying that time and the judgment of real experts have justified my claim, for I consider that stamp one of the rare U. S. Revenues, and worthy a higher valuation than $15.

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CHRONICLE OF NEW ISSUES AND VARIETIES

Edited by HENRY A. KIDDER.

Any information regarding new issues will be gratefully received and acknowledged. Address HENRY A. KIDDER, 17 Addison St., Arlington, Mass. Letters calling for a reply should contain a self-addressed, stamped envelope. We cannot give applicants the addresses of our correspondents. Correspondence regarding precancelled stamps must be sent to FRANK B. ELDREDGE, Attleboro, Mass., when due credit will be given in this department.

UNITED STATES.—As noted last week, the new 10c stamp has made its appearance, and it must be said that it is a great improvement over the previous one in both design and execution. There is more difference in the two designs than we had been led to believe, though the change in the portrait was announced long ago. The inscription at the top is still "U. S. Postage," but it is arranged in a curved line, following the shape of the oval. The figures of value in the lower corners are larger and clearer, with "Cents" between. The top of the tablet containing the word "Cents" cuts off the bottom of the oval, and the large wreaths of the laurel and ribbons have given place to smaller wreaths of oak, which reach barely to the centre of the stamp. The portrait is the same as on the current 1c stamp, but the oval is wider and the effect is consequently better. The outer frame is similar to the registration stamp, especially in the upper corners. The new stamp is watermarked single lined "U S P S" and is perforated 12.

Adhesive.

10c orange.

Kendall P. Smith reports having seen the following plate numbers with the letter "A.": 2c ordinary, 5660, 5661, 5667, 5668; 10c registry, 5723.

ARGENTINE.—The *Deutsche Briefmarken Zeitung* states that the ½c, 1c, 2c, 10c, 20c, 24c and 50c values of the new set were issued at Buenos Ayres late in 1911. The same paper chronicles a new envelope with the stamp of the sower type, in addition to the new letter card chronicled in No. 1101.

Envelope.

5c claret on gray; 152x120 mm.

AUSTRALIA.—The *Australian Philatelist* states that there is some likelihood of the discontinuance of perforated official stamps, in which case the Government departments would revert to the practice of franking.

Time is accentuating rather than relieving the difficulty of getting a typically Australian design for the new Commonwealth postage says the *Melbourne Age*. The Postmaster-General admits that his efforts have not yet produced exactly the right design. It is generally agreed that the new issue should not contain the King's head as its central figure. The desire appears to be to portray an Australian scene, which, while artistically pleasing, shall quietly advertise Australia wherever it goes. On Saturday, Mr. Frazer made a critical inspection of designs forwarded at his request by the Victorian Artists' Society. They are the work of Mr. Blamire Young. Mr. Young's idea is to have a bold outline of Australia, and inset, appearing on the map as if it were part of the very life of the continent, a typical Australian scene. Among a number of such scenes submitted are those of a mail coach rising above a hill, a kookaburra on the limb of a dead tree, a kangaroo among scrub, a bullock-drawn wood waggon, a swan, a magpie and a native bear. With a few changes Mr. Young's design could be made thoroughly acceptable.

BRAZIL.—The *Deutsche Briefmarken Zeitung* notes the issue of a new letter card for the pneumatic post.

Pneumatic Letter Card.

300r black and blue on gray; 140x90mm.

CANADA.—Douglas A. Denesha shows us specimens of the 2c King George stamp, the later printing being a decided improvement over the stamps first issued. The color is perhaps lightened a trifle, but the use of less ink has removed some of the muddy appearance.

W. A. Kain shows a copy of the 1c King George stamp, which has a pronounced break in the top of the "O" of "Postage." This is a defect in printing, and another stamp, submitted by the same gentleman, has a similar defect, though it is less pronounced.

COSTA RICA.—According to *Gibbons Monthly* there are two varieties of the surcharge on 1c on 10c telegraph stamps chronicled some time since. The stamps are in sheets of a hundred, and are surcharged with two different settings of fifty. The type used is the same, but the space between the lines of surcharge varies, being 9¼ mm. on the left-hand side of the sheet and 8 mm. on the right-hand side. Only 265,000 were printed, so that probably yet another makeshift will appear in a short time.

GREAT BRITAIN.—For the benefit of those of our readers who are trying to keep up with the recent issues of the stamps of Great Britain, we reproduce the following summary in chronological order of the provisional prints brought up to date. The ½d, 1d, 2½d, 3d, and 4d stamps were printed by Harrison & Sons (except the special 1d, "A 11") and the others by the stamping department at Somerset House. Our readers will of course understand that the references to "Continuous" or "Broken" lines and "control" letters and numbers refer to the marginal inscriptions of sheets.

Date.	Value.	Perf.	Description.
May 5, 1911,	½d E,	14,	Control A11(wide).
“ “	1d E,	14,	“ “
June 22,1911,	½d G,	15x14,	“ “
“ “	1d G,	“	“ “
July 10,1911,	2½d E,	14,	Broken lines.
“ 13, “	1½d E,	14,	First shade (pale).
“ 16, “	4d E,	14,	
“ 19, “	1sh E,	14,	First shade (blk-grn).
“ 24, “	9d E,	14,	First shade (pale).
Aug. 8, 1911,	2d E,	14,	First shade.
“ 16, “	5d E,	14,	“
Sept.12,1911,	£1 E,	14,	“
“ 14, “	3d E,	14,	Continuous line.
“ 25, “	3d E,	15x14,	“
“ 27, “	2sh 6d E,	14,	First shade.
“ 29, “	1½d E,	14,	Second shade.
“ 29, “	2½d E,	14,	Continuous line.
Oct. 1, “	1d G,	15x15,	Control A11 (narrow).
“ 6, “	1d E,	“	“ “ “ “
“ 9, “	9d E,	14,	Second shade.
“ 9, “	10d E,	14,	First “
“ 9, “	1sh E,	14,	Second “
“ 14, “	2½d E,	15x14,	Broken line.
“ 26, “	2½d E,	“	Continuous line.
“ 27, “	1d E,	14,	Control A11 (narrow).
“ 29, “	½d E,	15x14,	“ (wide).
“ 30, “	½d G,	“	“ (narrow).
Nov. 3,1911,	6d E,	14,	Bright plum (1st).
“ 9, “	6d E,	14,	Dull lilac (2nd).
“ 11, “	4d E,	15x14,	
“ 16, “	6d E,	14,	Plum (3rd), shades.
“ 21, “	1d G,	15x14,	Control A11 (S. H.).
Jan. 1, 1912,	½d G,	15x14,	Re-engraved, B11.
“ 1, “	1d G,	“	“ B11.
“ 12, “	½d G,	“	“ B12.
“ 15, “	2sh 6d E,	14,	Second shade.
“ 15, “	10sh E,	14,	First shade.
“ 19, “	1d G,	15x14,	Re-engraved, B12.

Ewen's omits the 6d 4th shade, "rich plum," now considering it only an extreme of the 3rd shade. Of all three 6d shades, two or three degrees of inking occur. There are also probably further printings of the 1½d, 2d, 5d, 9d, and 1sh stamps, but the shades are not sufficiently defined to record. The shades of the ½d and 1d are too numerous to mention.

(E=Edwardian, G=Georgian).

MACAO.—The New England Stamp Co. has shown us the postage due stamps of this Colony surcharged "Republica" the values seen running from 1a to 1p.

NIUE.—A little surprise comes to hand from the Southern seas, a new stamp having just been issued for Niue. The current ½d New Zealand stamp,with portrait of King Edward has been surcharged in red, "Niue—½ Peni" in the familiar type. Specimens have been shown us by Whitfield King & Co. and the New England Stamp Co.

Adhesive.

Surcharged on New Zealand stamps.
½p yellow green.

NICARAGUA.—We are indebted to the E. B. Cookson Co. for specimens of the new 5c and 25c bi-colored stamps.

TIMOR.—This Colony has also had its postage due stamps surcharged "Republica", full sets from ½a to 1p having been shown us by the New England Stamp Co.

TRANSVAAL.—W. A. Kain sends us a specimen of the 2½d of 1896, which has a blotch of color between the "P" and "E" of "Penny", which almost turns the "P" into an "R".

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CHINESE EMPEROR ABDICATES.

PEKIN, Feb. 12.—After occupying the throne of China for nearly three centuries the Manchu dynasty, represented by the child-Emperor, Pu Yi, abdicated today. Three edicts were issued, the first proclaiming abdication; the second dealing with the establishment of the republic, and the third urging the maintenance of peace and approving the conditions agreed upon by the imperial premier, Yuan Shi Kai, and the Republicans.

The abdication of the Chinese throne by Pu Yi, the child Emperor, brings to an end the powerful Manchu dynasty which has reigned in China since 1644. The boy ruler has been on the throne since Nov. 14, 1908, when the Emperor Kwang Si, his uncle, died. His father, Prince Chun, was appointed regent, and was the chief figure in China for three years.

Surrounded by a large number of princes of the imperial clan and Manchu officials with reactionary ideas, the regent was brought face to face with a revolutionary movement in favor of modern reforms. He endeavored to placate both parties, but ended by causing general dissatisfaction, which led to his resignation on Dec. 6, 1911.

The promise of a constitutional government made by the Dowager Empress on her deathbed in 1908 was not fulfilled in any way until May last year. In that month an imperial edict abolished the old grand council, which together with the court, held absolute power and substituted a constitutional cabinet.

Revolutionary ideas had been spreading in the meantime and the Southern Provinces declared against the continuation of Manchu rule and broke into open revolt. After much fighting, the revolutionists proclaimed a republic at Nankin in December, and Dr. Sun Yat Sen accepted the presidency on Dec. 29.

Negotiations between the republicans and the imperialists followed and an armistice was arranged. This was not strictly observed, but the negotiations continued with the result that the Manchu rulers, seeing that China proper was almost entirely in favor of the republican idea and the outlying dependencies of Tibet, Turkestan, Mongolia and Manchuria were breaking away, decided that it was their best policy to yield to the popular demand and abdicate.

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B. P. S. SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR 1911

BOSTON, MASS., Jan. 16, 1912.

Mr. President and Gentlemen:—In presenting the Secretary's Report for the year 1911, the event that looms largest in the annals is naturally the celebration of our 20th Anniversary. In fact, this occurrence dwarfs all other events into comparative insignificance, as there has been no special work other than our regular routine carried on during the year.

The society was founded on February 18, 1891, with fifty-two charter members from Boston and vicinity. From its very start it took a leading position among the Philatelic Societies of this hemisphere, if not of the world, and has nobly maintained that stand. It was therefore deemed fitting that the completion of twenty years of activity should be properly celebrated. Invitations were sent to leading philatelists here and abroad to be present, and several favored us by making special trips for the purpose, among them being Pres. Mudge and Sec. Barnum of the American Philatelic Society, Messrs. John N. Luff, H. E. Deats and Wm. C. Stone, past presidents of the national society, Mr. Chas. Lathrop Pack of Lakewood, N. J., and numerous others. Although Mr. Fred J. Melville, Pres. of the Junior Philatelic Society of London had expected to be with us, he was finally prevented.

The celebration took the form of a special meeting of the Society held in Chipman Hall, Tremont Temple, on Friday evening, February 17th, when Mr. J. N. Luff gave his stereopticon lecture on "What Philately Teaches". Messages of good will were heard from our visitors and through telegrams and letters from our sister societies. On Saturday, February 18th, an exhibition of rare stamps was held in Chipman Hall, to which the public were invited. This included Mr. Worthington's Mauritius with its "Post Office" stamps; a frame of Mr. Pickman's rarities, including a Milbury, a Brattleboro, an Annapolis, a Livingstone Confederate, a 20c St. Louis and many others; Mr. Pack's early Brazils and triangular Capes; Mr. Green's Hawaiian numerals; Mr. Mason's proofs and essays of United States envelopes; and Mr. Sawyer's Gambia. An excellent attendance was reported throughout the day.

On Saturday evening the celebration was brought to a close with a banquet at the City Club, at which 56 sat down. An excellent menu put all in proper spirit for the speeches. Mr. Green, as Toastmaster, was in his happiest mood, and the responses from Pres. Mudge of the American Philatelic Society, Pres. Bartlett of the Springfield Stamp Club, Mr. J. B. McIntyre for the Rhode Island Philatelic Society, Mr. Charles Lathrop Pack, who presented the Society with a finely mounted album of photographs of his reconstructed sheets of Diligencia and Montevideo stamps of Uruguay, and Messrs. Deats, Luff, Barnum, Stone and George L. Gilmore, our Charter Member No. 1, were all in keeping with the festive occasion. The whole celebration was a great success from every point of view and reflects great credit upon the committees in charge, to whom the Society's thanks are due.

A special souvenir in the shape of a silver watch fob, suitably inscribed, served as a memento of the occasion.

Outside of this occurrence there seems to be nothing special to report for the year's work, except that the Society appropriated $25 towards the very successful stamp exhibition of the American Philatelic Society at the Chicago convention last August.

Mr. J. M. Bartels was appointed a delegate to the 23rd German Philatelists' Day in Vienna last September, at the time of the Vienna Exhibition. It is gratifying to record that two of our members, Messrs. Pack and Bartels, carried off high honors at the Exhibition, and Messrs. Sawyer and Howes also won medals. At Chicago, those of our members who were awarded medals were Messrs. George H. Worthington, two gold and two silver; F. R. Cornwall, a gold and two silver; George L. Toppan, a gold and a bronze; Maj. F. L. Palmer, a gold; Mr. Charles Lathrop Pack, a gold; and E. F. Sawyer and Philip H. Ward, Jr., each a bronze medal.

Our membership has fallen slightly this year. It was 190 at the last report and is now 182, a loss of eight. We have raised one of our members, Mr. Fred J. Melville, to the rank of Honorary, and have elected another in the person of Mr. Charles Lathrop Pack. Thirteen other members have been admitted, ten have resigned during the year, eight were dropped for non-payment of dues, and four have died—Benjamin Lombard, Jr., R. A. Tarr, Edgar A. King and Jules Bernichon. This makes a total loss of twenty-two which is not properly offset by our gain of fourteen. The membership is divided as follows:—Honorary, 5; Resident, 112; Non-resident 65; total 182.

There have been ten regular meetings of the Society through the year, twelve informal meetings and one meeting of the Governing Board. The attendance at the regular meetings has averaged 33.5—three less than in 1910.

The Secretary's clerical duties have included writing 150 letters, sending out 992 post card notices, 22 copies of the Statutes and Library catalog, and two packages, a total of 1166 pieces of mail matter.

Respectfully submitted,
C. A. HOWES, Secretary.

The Postal Card Society of America.

S. SCHACHNE, Pres.; ALLAN FORBES, Vice Pres.; S. M. EDWARDS, Sec., Argusville, N. D.; JNO. N. MORSE, Treas.; JOHN F. SENSOW, Sales Supt., La Porte, Ind.; S. SCHACHNE, Purchasing Agent, Masonic Bdg. Chillicothe, O.; Ex. Com., Pres. and Vice Pres. ex-officio, WM. C. STONE H. E. DEATS and ALFRED E. FRITZ.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Results of the Election—Ballots cast 14.

For President, Schachne, 13.

For Vice President, Stone, 12: Fountain, 1.

For Secretary, Edwards, 14.

For Treasurer, Morse, 14.

For Executive Committee, Knoll, 13; Carpenter, 13; Fountain, 13; Weber, 1; Senow, 1.

For Official Organ, MEKEEL'S WEEKLY STAMP NEWS, 10; *Philadelphia Stamp News*, 1; *Fowler's Coin and Stamp Age*, 1.

I hereby announce the following as officers of the society for the coming year beginning March 1st, next:—president, Siegfried Schachne; vice president, W. C. Stone; secretary, S. M. Edwards: treasurer, J. N. Morse; executive committee, Frank A. Knoll, Horace E. Carpenter, Jr. and J. H. Fountain; official organ, MEKEEL'S WEEKLY STAMP NEWS.

Mrs. Caroline L. Gardner, our sister member, informs the secretary of the loss by death of her husband, Wm. J. She has the sincere sympathy of the members of this society in the sad bereavement.

Application for Membership.—Maitland Milliken, Denver, Colorado; real estate dealer; age, legal. References: John D. Milliken and A. W. Grant, both of Denver. Proposed by S. M. Edwards.

Resignation.—Chas. Bolbach, O'Fallen, Ill.

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WITH THE BOY PHILATELIST.

Edited by BERTRAM W. H. POOLE, Box 231, Altadena, Calif.

We propose to insert upon this page matter that will be of interest to the boy collector. Some two thousand boys are now on our mailing list and it is our desire to come closely in contact with them in such a manner as will be most helpful. Any information desired will be cheerfully rendered through these columns. Do not submit stamps for examination.

A GUATEMALAN PUZZLE.

A correspondent in referring to the difficulty of distinguishing between the lithographed stamps of the 1886 issue of Guatemala and the engraved stamps of the 1887-94 issue in the same design asks if there is any simple and reliable test by means of which the varieties can be separated. The stamps are, as my correspondent says, a "hard nut to crack" and while an experienced philatelist can perhaps easily sort out the lithographed stamps from the engraved simply by the different effects produced by these two methods of manufacture the beginner will find considerable trouble in correctly differentiating between the two issues. Speaking generally the lithographs have a flat, dull appearance, while the engraved stamps have a more "finished" look with more contrast between the light and dark portions of the design. The 50c, 75c, 100c, 150c and 200c only exist lithographed and the 6c and 5c with wide "5" only exist engraved so no difficulties are presented by these. The 1c is perhaps the hardest of the lot to place correctly and so far as I can see there are no little points of distinction that can be pointed out as infallible tests. In all the engraved ones I have seen the shading on the value tablet is complete, the horizontal lines being continuous at the base and broken at the top. In the lithographs the shading near the top of the "1" at the left is omitted or defective. For the 2c the easiest test is the distance between the base of the numeral and the lower frame line. In the case of the lithographed stamps this space measures a bare ¾ mm., while in the engraved stamps it is a full 1 mm. In the 5c I have, unfortunately, no engraved stamp to compare with the earlier emission. The 10c are quite easy to separate, for in the lithographs the figures are very close together, while in the engraved stamps there is a space of 1 mm. between the "1" and the "0". The 20c also presents no difficulties, for in the lithographed stamps the "0" of "20" touches the ornament at top of the value tablet, while in the engraved ones the "0" does not touch. The 25c is rather a hard one to place for there is no striking point of difference that I can locate. It will be found, however, that in the engraved stamps the "shell" like ornament at the top of the design is perfect in shape and fully shaded, while in the lithographs this ornament is poorly shaped and shows practically no shading at the left-hand side.

COMMANDO BRIEF STAMPS.

Another correspondent tells me he has a large oblong label containing the words "COMMANDO BRIEF—O. V. S.—FRANKO" in three lines separated by rules, and surrounded by an ornamental border, printed in black on yellow surfaced paper, perforated, and cancelled, and he wishes for some information regarding it. This label was issued by the Orange Free State Boers in October, 1899, during the South African war but whether it had any official standing or not I cannot say. It appears that among other privileges the Burghers were allowed free postage. In the case of letters posted at any of the Field Post-offices there was no difficulty for all these were obviously from Burghers fighting for their country. In the case of men on patrol duty or away from the fighting lines letters had to be franked by an officer or postage was charged. Some bright individual conceived the idea of having a label which could be attached to the soldier's letters and so save the Commandants and Field cornets the trouble of initialling every individual letter. These labels, therefore, took the place of officers' signatures and are not postage stamps but franks. Whether the labels were officially sanctioned is not clear but they were very generally recognised and specimens are known with cancellations of widely separated towns and villages in the territory then occupied by the Boers. The words "Commando Brief" mean Commando Letter, the letters "O. V. S." stand for Oranje Vrij Staat (Orange Free State), while "Franko" is the equivalent of Frank. Though they are not postage stamps they are very interesting mementoes of the war.

SHORT REPLIES.

H. K. (New York).—Your stamp is one of the many varieties found in connection with stamp vending machines and is, I believe, of no particular value.

C. J. (Cleveland).—The stamps you mention are German locals and they have practically no value at all.

G. B. C. (St. Paul).—There are numerous minor varieties in the 1863-66 stamps of Norway. As a matter of fact each value exists in four different types, though the differences are often very small. In addition the 4 skilling was printed from two plates and as there were four types on each this value alone gives eight types. These stamps, and the issues of Norway in general, were very fully written up in the *Philatelic Record* for the years 1897 and 1898. A description of the types of the issue to which you refer in particular will be found in an article I contributed to Volume II of the *West-End Philatelist.*

ONE YEAR'S STAMPS.

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The Government Bureau of Engraving and Printing delivered 10,131,069,000 perfect postage stamps during the last fiscal year.

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The gum on the back of the stamps is made by scientifically roasting the highest grade of tapioca starch such as is used for making pudding, and as 325,000 pounds were used, all of the inhabitants of a large city would have been given their fill of tapioca pudding for one meal with the material used.

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STRAITS SETTLEMENT—A DISCOVERY.

The year 1883 was a prolific one in the surcharges of this colony, no less than nineteen varieties being already listed. These included the 5c, blue, watermark CC and Crown "4 cents," in red script letters (S.G. 25). We have now received from Mr. W. H. Peckitt specimens of this stamp, bearing in addition a large figure "4", in red, imposed over the other red surcharge. These specimens have every appearance of being authentic. The obliterations differ—in two cases being in red, one used in conjunction with a vertically surcharged TWO CENTS on 5c (S.G. 5), and in the other the postmark being in black and clearly over the surcharge. It will be remembered that the 8c on 12c, dull purple, issued at the same time, was also surcharged with a similar large figure "8" (S.G. 72 and 73), in red, and it seems quite possible that the same reason existed for both secondary surcharges, in that the smaller one was not sufficiently distinctive. It should be mentioned that in the present instance the large figure "4" is in a vermilion shade exactly like that of the script letters beneath it, while in the case of the 8c the figure is of a somewhat deeper tone, but both are apparently from the same fount of type. With these specimens were a number of other Straits surcharges, and the source from which they came in the colony seems all in their favour. In these days one is apt to regard all surcharges with suspicion, but these specimens have been carefully examined by Mr. Peckitt, ourselves, and others, and we can see no reason to doubt their authenticity. The unsuspected existence of such an important surcharge for a period of twenty-eight years is remarkably interesting in the present discovery.—*London Philatelist.*

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" " 72c	1.05
" " $2.40, a coming rarity	7.50
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Brunei, 5c blue and black	1.40
Canada, King George set to 20c	.55
Canal Zone (No. 1), 2c finely centered	4.50
Cayman, 4d on yellow	2.70
" 1sh brown, CA	2.20
Crete 5dr, 1910, red surcharge	1.45
Cuba 1, 2, 5c, 8c, new colors 1911	.24
Cyprus, 4pi CA, superb	1.40
" 2pi " "	2.60
Dominican R. 1901, 50 & 1.00	2.35
East Africa 1904, 3r chalky	1.30
Ecuador 1904, 1 to 20c	.90
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" Soudan multiple 2, 5, 10pi	1.75
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Guadeloupe 1904, 5f	1.45
Hong Kong 1906, 2.00 red & black, multiple	1.90
" 1909, 2.00 new colors	1.32
" 1906, 5.00 multiple	3.15
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Japan, 5 & 10 yen used, fine	2.70
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Luxemburg, official 5f	1.45
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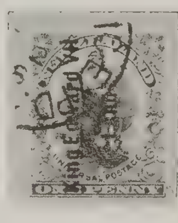

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THE POSTAGE STAMPS OF NORTH BORNEO.

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Probably among British colonies and protectorates no country has received so many "kicks" (largely unmerited) as North Borneo with the result that at the present time it is one of the most neglected States, philatelically speaking, in the whole British Empire group. Of late years the unreasoning prejudice against Borneo's stamps seems to have died down—at any rate we have been spared those periodic outbreaks of nonsensical abuse which were at one time an all too frequent feature in the "politics" of certain British journals. Why North Borneo was, in the first place, given the character of the black sheep in the British Empire flock when there were plenty of other suitable subjects it is difficult to say. Certainly its philatelic sins have been no worse than those of many other countries and compared to some (held in the highest esteem) it is positively virtuous. It is the old, old tale "give a dog a bad name and it will stick to him". When all the cold facts are collected and examined impartially it will be found that North Borneo is philatelically cleaner, and certainly more interesting, than many other popular and much studied countries. Perhaps the fairest comparison is between the issues of North Borneo and those of Rhodesia—both territories being governed by Chartered Companies. The stamps of Rhodesia, issued under the authority of the British South Africa Company, have always been popular and few if any sneers have been cast at its stamp issuing propensities, yet, though it started to issue stamps seven years later than Borneo, it has already issued more distinct issues, including unnecessarily high values, and nearly as many provisionals. In addition at least three of these issues are still "current" in the London offices of the Company if not in the territory of Rhodesia itself.

When we get right down to what our learned professors are pleased to call the "basic principle" we find the chief sins to the discredit of Borneo are its provisionals and its postmarked-to-order stamps. So far as the latter are concerned I am in agreement with every other right minded collector as to the rubbishy nature of all cancelled-to-order stamps. But North Borneo is by no means alone in this respect for even such reputable countries as Victoria and Fiji have been guilty of the same iniquity. Compared with the majority of cancelled-to-order labels, which are as a rule sold as postally used, those of North Borneo are childishly innocent for the cancellation applied to them was of such a nature that the veriest tyro can at once identify them for what they are.

As regards provisionals in general and unnecessary provisionals in particular Borneo has certainly sinned in good company. Compared with those of Siam, the ever popular Ceylon, the Straits Settlements, etc., the provisionals of Borneo are mild. One great thing in their favor is that the whole lot (that is, the "unnecessary" ones) may be purchased for a few dollars.

But the fact that North Borneo has issued a few unnecessary provisionals and sold many of its issues cancelled-to-order does not, or should not, detract from the philatelic interest and attractiveness of its other issues. The doubtful provisionals can be ignored and the other rubbish is so easily identified that it can be dismissed without bother. At the present time few countries offer so many openings for original research as I shall endeavor to show in the following notes.

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THE FIRST ISSUE.

Exactly a year after the incorporation of the company a stamp bearing the facial value of 2c was issued for use in its territory. The design shows the "Arms" of the Company—a shield showing a lion on a dotted ground in the top portion and a sailing vessel on a horizontally lined background in the lower and larger portion. The value "2 cents" is shown on a straight tablet at the base, "North-Postage-Borneo" appears on a scroll at top, and in columns at the sides inscriptions are shown in Malayan and Chinese characters at the left and right respectively. The stamps were manufactured by the electrotype process by Messrs. Blades, East & Blades, who are perhaps better known as bank check manufacturers than as stamp printers. From the original engraved matrix fifty electrotypes were made and these clamped together in five horizontal rows of ten formed the printing plate. This method of reduplicating a design, like lithography, frequently results in the production of minor varieties. In the case of this particular 2c stamp each electrotype has some small distinctive mark by means of which it can be distinguished from the others. These marks consist of minute colored dots, slightly misshapen letters, and small flaws and the stamp can be plated without much difficulty. This stamp, it will be noted was for postal purposes only and was simply for local use. It was printed in brown on unwatermarked paper and was perforated 12 by a single-line machine. Shortly afterwards 50c and $1 stamps were issued. These were of much larger size and were available for postal and revenue purposes. The central design in each consists of the Arms of the company with crest, supporters and motto—"Pergo et Perago" which means "I undertake and accomplish." The borders are elaborate while the name of the territory is simply given as "North Borneo" as in the case of the 2c. The stamps were also printed in sheets of fifty but whether by the electrotype process or by means of lithography is not quite clear. Some of the later issues of similar type were printed by lithography, according to an official statement, so it is very probable that these two stamps were produced by the same method. The 50c was printed in violet and the $1 in rose-red. They were on unwatermarked paper and perforated 14. To save useless repetition I might add that all the stamps issued for British North Borneo were on unwatermarked paper.

THE FIRST PROVISIONALS.

It appears that at the same time the 2c stamp was ordered 4c and 8c denominations of similar design were likewise requisitioned but as these were somewhat dilatory in reaching Borneo and 8c stamps were urgently required provisional stamps of this value were made late in 1883 by overprinting the 2c. There were two types of the surcharge one "8 cents" and the other "EIGHT CENTS" in two lines. The former was apparently the first attempt but was so indistinct that it was soon abandoned in favor of the second type. An error of the latter variety is known with the surcharge printed doubly. These provisionals were made in the capital of the territory, Sandakan, but how many were overprinted or how many were surcharged at a time are matters on which I can find no information.

THE 1884 ISSUE.

In 1884 the expected 4c and 8c labels arrived the former being printed in pink and the latter in green. These stamps like the first 2c were printed from plates composed of fifty separate electrotypes. One would imagine that in making the necessary dies for these two values it would have been a simple matter to have taken impressions from the original 2c matrix and have altered the value tablet and inscriptions in the side columns. Instead of doing so, however, entirely new dies were engraved which, though undoubtedly copied from the 2c differ from it in many particulars. Especially noticeable are differences in the length and number of the oars projecting from the small vessel. Although I have never seen entire sheets of these values a comparison of even a few single specimens will show so many tiny differences that it is hardly probable both may be plated like the earlier 2c. These two stamps are perf. 12.

THE 1886 ISSUE.

In 1886 new supplies of the 2c, 4c, and 8c sent to Borneo were perforated 14 and at the same time three new denominations—½c, 1c, and 10c—were issued. The colors of these were magenta, orange and blue respectively. These three values, like the others of corresponding design, were printed from plates composed of fifty separate electrotypes and it is highly probable all three can be plated. Here again we find that new dies were engraved, all copied from the original 2c, but all differing from each other and also from the other values in many small particulars.

THE 1886 PROVISIONALS.

Philatelically speaking 1886 was a busy year for Borneo. First of all it was decided that 3c and 5c stamps were necessary and as these values were not included in the regular set recourse was made to the printing press to meet the deficiency. Some of the 4c were surcharged "3 CENTS" and some of the 8c were reduced in value to 5c. The type used consisted of tall thick numerals with "CENTS" in heavy capitals below. A further printing of 3c provisionals being made, type of a different font was employed the "3" being thinner and farther away from "CENTS". This type is rare and it is evident that but few were printed. As stamps with both the 12 and 14 perforations were in stock at this time and, naturally, no attempt had been made to differentiate between them it so happened that sheets of both varieties were surcharged. The 5c on 8c with the 14 perforation is known with inverted surcharge. The demand for 3c and 5c stamps was apparently not so great as had been anticipated for regular stamps of these denominations were not issued until 1889.

A revision in the fiscal rates made stamps of a lower facial value than 25c necessary and as a temporary expedient some of the then current ½c and 10c stamps were overprinted with the words "and Revenue" in two lines, so that they could be used for postage or for fiscal purposes as required. These were evidently issued by way of experiment and the benefit of having one series of stamps for both purposes was so apparent that a few years later all the stamps were inscribed "postage and revenue" and the plan has continued to the present day.

THE 1886-87 ISSUE.

In 1886 the "powers that be" decided that "British North Borneo" would be a more fitting inscription for the postage stamps than merely "North Borneo" and steps were immediately taken to obtain a supply of stamps with the more correct name. The design of the small

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stamps, ½c to 10c inclusive, was similar to the one previously in use with "BRITISH NORTH BORNEO" on the scroll above the Arms and "POSTAGE" on a small label at the base of the shield. As a matter of fact, the original dies were requisitioned and altered to fit the needs of the new issue. The stamps were produced in the same manner as those previously mentioned—fifty casts from each of the original dies being clamped together to form the printing plates. There were two plates for each value, except the ½c and all can be plated as I was able to prove in the course of an article on this particular issue in the *Monthly Journal* for December, 1906, and January to April, 1907. That the original dies of 1883-86 were adapted for this issue can be proved by a careful comparison of the two sets. In the first plate of the 4c one of the 1c clichés was inadvertently included so that we find an error of color—the 1c in the color of the 4c. The error occurred on the third stamp in the second horizontal row. In the first plate of the 8c, too, there is an interesting variety, No. 37 showing the hindmost leg of the lion completely cut away. A small quantity of the ½c and 1c were perforated 12, these probably forming an early supply. The colors are the same as those of the corresponding values of the previous issue, though some time in 1887, the shade of the ½c was changed from magenta to rose.

At the same time the designs of the 50c and $1 were altered, the denotation of value in words at the top being replaced by "BRITISH". The set was also enriched by the addition of 25c and $2 stamps. These new denominations were of the same large size as the 50c and $1 and show the Arms of the Company in elaborately designed borders. These four stamps are well worthy of study for at present nothing of importance is known about them. The colors were indigo for the 25c, violet for the 50c, scarlet for the $1, and sage-green for the $2.

THE 1889-90 ISSUE.

Although the small stamps of the issue just mentioned were inscribed "Postage" only it appears that almost before they had reached Sandakan the London office of the Company received a suggestion from Borneo that all the stamps should be inscribed "Postage and Revenue" in future. Naturally the stamps already printed and despatched could hardly be recalled on the score that they were for postal use only and in any case it would have required some time to get new plates made. When, however, fresh supplies were required, steps were taken to give effect to the Postmaster's recommendation and in 1889 stamps inscribed "Postage & Revenue" made their appearance. At the same time 3c and 5c stamps were issued. These stamps form a fine field for philatelic study. It will be found, I think, that the stamps were printed from plates composed of separate electrotypes like their predecessors and also that, excepting the new 3c and 5c, the original dies were again requisitioned. It is also probable that more than one plate was used for some of the values.

New lithographic stones for the 25c, 50c, $1, and $2 stamps were made about this period the designs being redrawn in all four cases. It would be ridiculous to assert that these varieties were issued just to increase the sale of stamps to collectors for the differences between these and the stamps of 1886-87 are too small to be of interest to any but a specialist. The new 25c shows the words "BRITISH NORTH BORNEO" in taller capitals; in the 50c the "0" in each of the upper angles is square-shaped top and bottom instead of being oval; the $1 has 14 instead of 13 pearls at the sides; and on the $2 "BRITISH", measures about 11 mm. in place of 12 mm. as before.

In 1889 $5 and $10 stamps were issued, these being of a very large size. Little is known about these except that they were printed in sheets of 20. They can probably be plated and were apparently printed by means of lithography. In the first printing of the $10 an interesting error occurred, one of the stamps in the bottom row having part of the "R" omitted so that the inscription reads "TEN DOLLAPS". Either this was corrected on the stone or a new stone was made before many stamps had been printed for the variety is scarce even postmarked-to-order.

It was during the currency of this set that some evil genius suggested the postmarking-to-order game. The cancellation consisted of a number of parallel bars and was usually applied to the centre of each block of four stamps. As no cancellation of this type was ever used in Borneo itself this rubbish can be easily detected. Unused, the stamps are good and genuinely used they are scarce.

THE PROVISIONALS OF 1890-93.

During the period 1890-93 a number of provisionals were issued, but that these or any of them were strictly unnecessary would be a rash assertion to make. In 1890 there was apparently a shortage of 2c and 8c stamps and to meet temporary needs some of the 25c were surcharged "Two (or Eight) Cents" in two lines in red ink. The former value is known with inverted surcharge.

In 1891 a change in the postal rates made 6c stamps necessary and a supply of this denomination was ordered from London. Pending the arrival of these a number of 6c provisionals were created by surcharging the 8c and 10c. As there appear to have been supplies of both the "Postage" and "Postage & Revenue" stamps on hand both varieties were surcharged. The old 10c seem to have been used on purpose but the "Postage" type of the 8c was an error. Judging from the rarity of this variety not more than a single sheet can have been surcharged and this would appear to have been inadvertently included with the 1889 type and was thus overprinted purely by accident. The type of the surcharge consisted of a large "6" with "cents" below and there were at least two settings. In the first setting one stamp on the sheet had a large "s" in "cents". Another setting, found only on the 8c of the 1889 type, shows two errors. One of these has the letters misplaced so that the word reads "cetns" and the other (fourth in the bottom row) has the "c" inverted. As the errors are scarce the number of sheets printed could not have been large. Probably this setting represents a small supply printed just before the arrival of the regular 6c stamps. The 6c on 10c (1886 type) and 6c on 8c (1889 type) are both known with the surcharge inverted.

In 1892-3 1c and 8c stamps ran short. Provisional 1c stamps were made by surcharging the then current 4c stamp with "1 cent" in two lines in red. For a second supply the 5c was utilised for surcharging, this being much the commoner variety. For the 8c, some of the 25c were overprinted in a similar manner. As this provisional is scarce, but few sheets of the 25c could have been surcharged.

All the above mentioned provisionals were overprinted in Sandakan itself and supplies of most, if not all of them were sent to the London office of the Company. Some of these were cancelled-to-order in the manner then in vogue and sold with the ordinary stamps.

THE REGULAR 6C STAMP.

The regular 6c stamp replacing some of the above described provisionals, reached Borneo in 1892. It is similar in design to the other small stamps of the "Postage & Revenue" type then current and was evidently produced in a similar manner from a plate composed of fifty separate electrotypes. A new die had, of course, to be engraved though this was a fairly close copy of the 2c. The color of this stamp was lake.

(*To be continued.*)

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Our readers are made acquainted with the fact that the Wolsieffer Sale No. 119 is to be a big one. It will be held at the Collectors' Club, N. Y. City, Thursday evening, March 28, and the catalogue before us indicates a fine line of stamps. The contents of this sale will be exhibited in the various philatelic centers of the east during the week prior to the sale.

BRITISH SOLOMON ISLANDS.

F. J. Barnett, Chief Postmaster of the Solomons, who paid us a visit during the Christmas holidays, acquainted us that a new series of stamps with the portrait of King George, was now in preparation, and would be issued in due course. When spoken to regarding some "proofs" which have recently come on the market, he expressed his astonishment, and said he knew nothing about them. We may have something more to say on this subject later on. He further expressed his surprise at the reduction in the prices of the first issue in the new Gibbons' catalogue, more especially of the 5d, 6d, and 1sh denominations. He gave us the exact figures of the numbers issued of all the denominations, which we give below. He informed us that no one on the Islands had any "up their sleeve" and that all had been disposed of in the ordinary way of business at face value, neither more nor less: 45,368, ½d; 25,598, 1d; 20,641, 2d; 12,072, 2½d; 8,310, 5d; 7,853, 6d; 7,391, 1sh.—*Aust. Stamp Journal.*

NEWS GLEANINGS.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from Frank E. Smith (2), W. A. Kain and Mrs. Julia A. Bowen.

—L. Ray Starkweather noting the inquiry of J. Saulnier of N. Y. City, advises us that Fred Megson was reported in an old fraud list, his residence at the time being Minneapolis, Minn. Dealers will do well to note the name.

STAMP COLLECTORS AND POETS

All Poets are not Stamp Collectors, nor are all Stamp Collectors Poets, but here is one contributed from the Buckeye State, in reply to a gentle reminder.

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EDITORIAL.

Very Good—The International Philatelic Exhibition, New York City, 1913, already has a foundation of ample base and those who have to do with the enterprise will be included in an exhibition company which is being incorporated. Several selections of permanent officers have been made and Mr. George H. Worthington of Cleveland will serve as president and Senator Ernest R. Ackerman, Plainfield, New Jersey, as secretary. It is needless to elaborate upon the good fortune of the sponsors of the exhibition in having the acceptances of the two gentlemen named of the important positions that they have been chosen to fill. Aside from a rare business capacity, both of the gentlemen possess a reputation that will have its moral effect in stimulating interest in the exhibition. Sub-committees will be appointed in the philatelic centers and a thorough campaign to center attention on the prospective exhibition has been instituted. It is to be recorded that subscriptions to the amount of three thousand dollars have been received by the temporary exhibition committee.

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Kicked Out—A correspondent has sent for inspection a label that recalls the old days when fictitious local stamps in particular were plentiful and found their way into many collections of the times. For periods of varying time, some of the creations passed philatelic muster and were listed in catalogues but as their true character became known they were dispossessed from their comfortable berths in the regard of philatelists. For instance, an examination of the more pretentious catalogues of the period from 1865 to 1870 will show a good number of the masqueraders posing under false colors. The label under notice is the one inscribed "U. States Letter Express, Five Cents," in yellow-brown, head of Washington, central design. Labels of this and similar kind used to accumulate rapidly in the odds-and-ends box of the dealer but in this day and generation, the genus is a disappearing one.

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Lincoln Stamps—As showing how a little ripple on the philatelic waters may extend to a distant shore, the following instance comes to mind in connection with the subject of bogus local stamps. Reference was made in these columns a good while ago to a label once accepted by some cataloguers of a supposed Philadelphia local, Johnson's Free P. O. Box, black on red paper, which showed an "unconventional portrait" of Lincoln, as we described it. The item reached the eyes of a collector of "Lincolniana" and he wrote for further particulars about the stamp, which he wished for his collection of Lincoln portraits. At the same time he asked for a list of all the stamps with picture of Lincoln and doubtlessly he secured them for his collection through the aid of one of our advertisers. Evidently, from a further description of the portrait on the Philadelphia label, he decided that the picture was already contained in or not necessary for his collection, as he wrote nothing further.

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Pretty Proofs—Proofs of United States stamps will always appeal to a class of collectors whose fastidious instincts are nicely satisfied by the faultless impressions in question. As models of the stamps, they must be on parade in their choicest colors. The J. M. Bartels Company has issued "The Proofs of U. S. Stamps," by Edward H. Mason, Boston, a gentleman whose sustained and intelligent interest in proofs and essays has made him an authority. The check-list of Mr. Toppan issued in 1904, now has a compeer in the new little pamphlet of about forty pages in which the adhesives, exclusive of the revenue proofs, are listed and described. Proofs have a stronger philatelic flavor than essays as from the earliest times, it was suspected that essays sometimes were made for collectors. In 1866, Dr. Gray, said: "The term 'essay'—an incorrect translation of the French word *essai*—was originally intended to designate stamps which had been proposed to the postal authorities of any country and rejected, or not yet adopted. Of essays which really fulfil these requisites there are but a small number, the majority of the stamps known by this name being fraudulent fabrications of continental or American engravers. Those which merit the title of genuine were made either by official engravers, at the direct request of the government of the country to which they belong, or were sent in on the occasion of a general authorised competition of designs."

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Size Variations—The great Columbian hunt is still on, but the Reverend Homer A. Flint, Montpelier, Vermont, pauses in the chase to bring the following circumstance to view: "Apropos of the study being devoted to the two-cent Columbian (also the one-cent), this question has come to my mind, which may not be new at all but which certainly might have to do with the study for 'variants.' Do stamps (or does stamp paper) either stretch or shrink with age? On enclosed sheet are stamps and sections illustrating what I mean. The measurements are probably only relatively exact. I have measured with gauge and compass, say, fifty two-cent Columbian and find them about equally divided between what appear to be '33x22 mil.' and '33½x21½ mil.,' measurements taken on bottom and left end respectively. On the enclosed sheet I have 'matched' two pairs, mounted a pair on covers and a pair free from paper. The difference in length is well marked, that in height not so clear in the sections as in the others. My query would be: Would paper stretch or shrink so regularly? Does this not point to more than one 'original' either in die or plate? There is a difference also, I think, in the lengths of the one-cent Columbian, though I do not find the same regularity. Possibly also in the five-cent." Our correspondent proves his case by matching up the stamps; variations of a half millimeter unmistakably are seen. The theory of shrinkage of paper to account for differences of the kind described though once presented by Major Evans, as explaining differences in size of some of the early Ceylon stamps does not seem to be a satisfying one. It has been maintained that the paper used in stamp manufacture practically is non-shrinking with age under ordinary conditions. The explanation usually given for the size differences in Columbian and other stamps is based on the contention that "as the metal from which the plates were made varied in temperature, in its fluid state, the shrinkage in cooling was not uniform, causing the variations in size." After the original die is made, "it is then hardened by heating it in a bath of cyanide of potassium;" the transfer roll of soft steel is hardened after it receives the impression of the die and finally the plate which is used in printing the stamps is hardened. In "Stamps and Stamp Collecting," Major Evans, in describing the process of line-engraving, says: "The impressions upon different rollers are not absolutelv identical in size, the hardening process varying slightly in its shrinking effect upon different pieces of steel." The cause of the plate differences in the size of the stamps of same design often is a subject of puzzling speculation to the student who has no reason to take into consideration the detail in manufacture under discussion.

FROM THE PHILIPPINES.

Theodore Siddall submits for our inspection specimens of the 6c, 10c, 30c and 1 peso with the single lined watermark. We quote from his letter as follows:—

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See our adv. on 1st page this issue.

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BERMUDA NEWS.

By Benedict Prieth.

The ¼d wrapper has just been issued here in the new Ship design, color brown.

The 6d and 1sh Queen's Head have been obsolete for over a month, but for some reason best known to the authorities, the new stamps of those denominations have not yet been issued. There is a great demand here for these two values and the post office is much criticized for its tardiness in putting them on sale. Nobody seems to know whether they will be of the Queen's Head or Dock Yard designs printed in the new colors, or of the Ship type. If of either of the former, they will no doubt soon be scarce, as in all probability only a small number was printed and they will soon be superceded by stamps of the current Ship design. Very possibly early changes will also be made in the 2d, 2½d, 3d and 4d values, all of which are still of the Dock Yard design. It will pay collectors to keep their eyes on Bermuda for the next few months.

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3d, bicolored, " "
4d, " " "

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NEWS GLEANINGS.

—Replying to Mr. Saulnier's query in relation to Fred Megson, Maitland Milliken recounts an experience that he had with Megson as far back as 1905. Mr. Milliken finally got his stamps back, but only through the kind offices of a philatelist in Minneapolis, where Megson was then residing.

—Fred J. Melville informs us that the Paris Philatelic Exhibition has been postponed until next year, leaving to the London Exhibition to be held October 14 to 19 the entire European field for 1912.

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HOGAN OR FINERTY.

Mekeel's Weekly of Feb. 10th, contains a reprint from *Stamps,* the house organ of the International Stamp Co. of De Graff, Ohio, formerly of Columbus.

We don't believe friend Hogan, whom we believe is a Columbus collector, or is he from De Graff? is very well acquainted with the early history of the *Stamp Collector,* which paper he chooses to believe, died because of its "narrowness, back biting, scandal mongering, etc." Our friend Hogan either don't know or has forgot that a prominent local collector, Mr. Paul Mason, was the editor of the *Stamp Collector* during its first year.

It never was the policy of the publication to be back-biting or to carry scandal and its expose of the two greatest frauds of the times, is anything but narrowness.

The *Stamp Collector* never maliciously printed anything to harm anyone, and the only really regretable feature was a small item of four or five lines, directed at a prominent Chicago collector. This item was in the first issue of the magazine and was slipped over on the publisher by the editor who felt called upon to fight the battles of a certain migratory dealer. For this, the publisher wrote an apology to Mr. Fowler.

Yes, McMann got the corpse, skeleton or what you chose to call it, but a local collector who once edited a stamp publication and the before mentioned migratory dealer tried to buy it, but either wouldn't or couldn't pay the price. Stiffs come high.

Some people seem to be fated to be with the dead ones for rumor has it that another philatelic enterprise is about to be laid out. There will be a sorry bunch of pall-bearers in this case, however, and real cause for tears for we hear that regardless of past records, some people have a little real money up on the game.

Friend Hogan says the *Stamp Collector* died some months before its final disposal, 'twas a lively corpse if this were true. We believe Hogan thinks Mason's retirement as editor was the end of all hopes, but such was not the case. Neither did Mr. Mason's retirement hasten the end of the publication.

We had hoped to let bygones be bygones but for Hogan's information we will say that Mr. Mason resigned because the publisher wouldn't let him turn the editorial columns into a house organ for a local stamp concern.

The real reason for the discontinuance of the *Stamp Collector* was lack of support in the matter of subscriptions, without a goodly number of which no magazine can hope to continue.

We say it now, regardless of consequences, that it's a real shame that a magazine conducted on the high plane on which the *Stamp Collector* was run, cannot get enough support from the collectors of the country to make it worth while to continue.

The *Stamp Collector* is not the only publication that gets up against this proposition. Not a monthly in America devoted entirely to stamp collecting has 2000 bonafide subscribers on its list.

The publisher of the *Stamp Collector* simply got tired of losing money on every issue of the publication; besides doing hours upon hours of hard work each month, for the great unappreciative stamp collecting public.—*Linn's Way.*

Wolsieffer's Sale No. 119

Exhibition Dates and Places

To be held at the "Collectors' Club," Kalil Bldg., 14 Park Place, New York City, Thursday Evening, March 28, 8 P. M.

EXHIBITED IN CHICAGO—At my office, 1301 Ft. Dearborn Bldg., on Saturday and Monday, March 16th and 18th, from 10 A. M. to 4 P. M.
DETROIT—At the Cadillac Hotel, Tuesday, March 19th.
CLEVELAND—At the Colonial Hotel, Wednesday, March 20th.
BOSTON—At the Parker House, Friday, March 22nd.
PHILADELPHIA—At the Walton Hotel, Monday, March 25th.
NEW YORK CITY—At the office of J. C. Morgenthau & Co., 87 Nassau St., March 27th and 28th, from 10 A. M. to 4 P. M.

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In addition to this sale, Mr. Wolsieffer will have with him the fine lot of stamps, the property of Mr. E. C. Althen, of Elgin, Ill. This collection consists of only United States and British North America, and is very strong in Pairs, Blocks, Covers, etc. It will catalog over **$6500.00**, and will be offered as a whole at private sale. Any collector or dealer interested in the purchase of such a property will be given the privilege of inspecting it.

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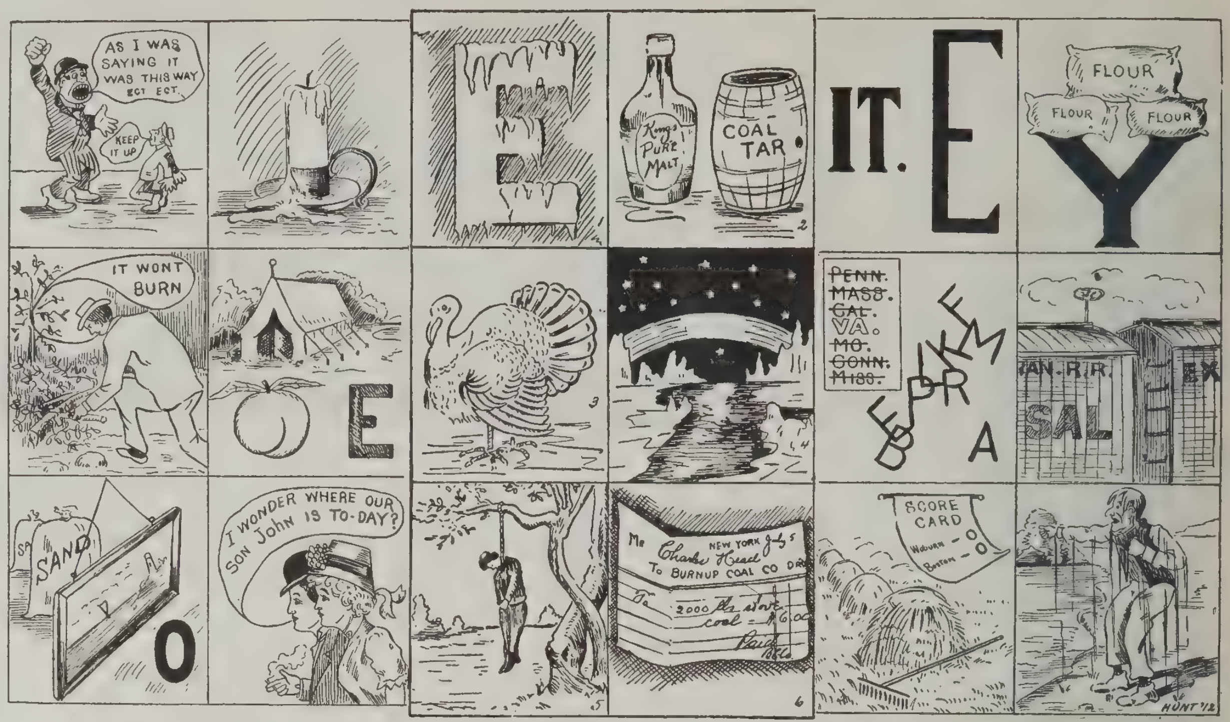

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We publish herewith a different style of rebus than what we have published in the past. This will be a hunt for the names of stamp issuing localities rather than stamps themselves. We may add that the list in Scott's catalog will furnish a complete solution for the above rebus, and we trust our subscribers will enjoy the hunt afforded them. We shall not offer any prizes but will give honorary mention to the contestants insofar as the development of the contest will warrant. Begin at the top left hand corner and read horizontally to the lower right hand corner. All replies should be received by March 20.

Newfoundland 1898, 2c orange; .08; 2c map, .02; Kewkiang Unused, Cat. $2.11, .30; Columbian 1-10c, .15; 1902-03, 1c to $1, .37. Postage extra. Lists free. Walter Maddock, Bx. 127, Tolley, N.D.

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PORTUGUESE PERMANENT SET.

The new postage stamps of the Portuguese Republic in a permanent type, which have been ready for issue for some months, but have been withheld pending the exhaustion of the stocks of the Vasco da Gama series overprinted "Republica", will be issued to the public on New Year's Day. The dies have been engraved and the stamps printed at the Lisbon Mint. The design, typifying the Republic, shows a three-quarter length figure of a native peasant woman, crowned with the Phrygian Cap, and with the shield of Portugal upon her breast. The figure grasps a sickle with her right hand and bears a sheaf of corn under her left arm. The design is the work of Senor Constantino Fernandes. The values of the new stamps will be expressed in "escudos" and "centimos" instead of in reis as at present.—*London Times.*

THE MAIL BAGS OF RULERS.

(Clipping from FRANK E. SMITH.)

The mail bag at the Vatican probably contains the largest number of letters that are addressed to any single person or institution. After the Pope, the Kaiser receives the greatest number, fully half being addressed to him personally.

Emperor William has never less than 7,500 letters daily, a goodly proportion of which, according to *Harper's Weekly*, are appeals to right wrongs about which he knows nothing and would be powerless to act if he did. Many are private diplomatic letters.

After him comes the President of the United States, who gets a daily average of 5,000 letters. The mail of the present King of England has dwindled to 2,500 letters, probably a third of the number received by his father. The mail bag of the Czar is smaller still, about 500 persons writing daily to one well known to be hedged in by officialdom.

It is said that the royal palace in Madrid gets 300 letters, addressed for the most part to King Alfonso, but a share falling to the lot of the Queen. The Italian King gets only about 200 letters daily, while the mail bag of the President of France varies greatly.

When the foreign population in Paris is most numerous his mail reaches as high an average as the American President, but in other months the average is comparatively small. It is said that the Emperor of Japan has only recently begun to be troubled in this manner, letters to him being mainly in the nature of appeals to add by swift and glorious war to the territory of the sun kingdom.

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UNITED STATES.—The following precancels are reported by F. B. Eldredge:

Brooklyn, N. Y., 3c 1911, normal; type I.
Providence, R. I., 6c 1911, normal; type IV.
Rochester, N. Y., 1c 1911, normal; type II.
Foxboro, Mass., 2c 1911, normal; type I.
Cleveland, Ohio, 3c 1911, normal; type IV.
Westgrove, Pa., 4c 1911, inverted; type III.
Foxboro, Mass., 1c 1911, normal; type I.
Chicago, Ill., 2c 1911, inverted,double; type V.
Cleveland, Ohio, 2c 1911, normal; type IV.

K. Baumann says that he has the 1c, 2c and 15c values of the Montclair, N. J. precancels with the rubber stamp cancellation and the 3c, 4c, 5c, 6c, 8c and 10c values with the circle cancellation, and that he has since found the one cent with the circular cancellation and the 10c with the rubber stamp cancellation and thinks that all values must have issued with both cancellations. Can other collectors enlighten.

In No. 1102, R. J. Wagner reports the current 2c imperforate at top and bottom, and perforated 8 holes at the sides. Mr. Eldredge has just received from a large wholesale house in St. Louis, Mo., a strip of five stamps, of the above, the eight holes in groups of four, and was informed that they were used in the mail-om-eter mailing machine, but did not learn what number of the mail-om-eter it was.

Russell E. Long reports having found a broken line variety in the 10c Columbian, the right vertical line being broken for two spaces, 6 lines up from the lower corner. There are other minor differences in the same stamp, but none important enough, apparently, to constitute a distinct variety.

L. P. Miller writes as follows regarding the use of "A" in the current plate numbers:

"On page 32 of the current volume of the WEEKLY, appeared a query regarding the presence of the 'A' on plates of the new registry stamps. In reply, I beg to state that on Nov. 15, 1910, plates were put into use, of the then current 1c and 2c values giving uniform spaces between the stamps. The letter 'A' was impressed on the plates, to distinguish them from the starred and unstarred plates previously used. The 'A' plates were at first used only for printing sheets required to supply demands for part perforates and imperforates, but gradually came into general use, until now, all plates being made have the 'A' gauge, except for special delivery and book stamps."

More letters are coming to hand regarding the varieties of the Columbian stamps, J. C. Piper being the latest to report his luck. He reports having found 65 of Hunt's type II, 17 of type III and 6 of type 4, with 12,000 more stamps to be examined.

John C. Morgan calls attention to varieties of the 4c and 6c Columbians, the ornaments at the left of the right hand figures of value showing three points of leaves instead of two. Mr. Morgan shows an unused block of the 4c, showing two stamps normal and two with this variety.

Mr. Morgan also shows us a 2c envelope on white with the 1907 watermark, in which the "7" has been moved out of place, and appears above and nearly at an angle of 45 degrees with the rest of the date.

We are indebted to A. N. Caudell for information regarding the new issue of stamps, all the values of which, except the 3c, 4c, 5c and 6c, which were not changed, and the 10c, which appeared last month, were placed on sale at the Washington Postoffice Feb. 14. The values placed on sale on that date were the 1c, 2c, 8c and all values above 10c. Mr. Caudell reports having seen the 1c with plate numbers A 5805, 5828 and 5831. The new series has the plate number only, and not the Bureau imprint and number as formerly. We are also indebted to J. M. Bartels and the New England Stamp Co. for information regarding the new stamps, and for specimens of the various values. Mr. Bartels calls our attention to the fact that the new 50c and $1 values are printed on paper with the double-lined watermark. This is due to the fact that these values are printed in sheets of 200 stamps, and as there was a large stock of the paper suitable for printing these values, it was decided best to use it up before starting on the new watermark. This of course makes it extremely unlikely that any of the old 50c and $1 stamps will ever be found on either of the single lined watermarks. The 1c and 2c are in the design of the current 3c to 6c values, while all values from 8c up are in the design of the 10c, recently described, with portrait of Franklin.

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1c green.
2c carmine.
8c olive green.
15c gray.
50c lilac.
$1 dark brown.

The most striking difference is found in the 15c, which is a very handsome shade of gray, but one that will be prolific of shade differences like the 24c of 1862.

ARGENTINE.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us the ½c, 1c and 30c values of the new "Sower" set. Apparently they are printed in Buenos Ayres, as all three values are very roughly perforated 13½x12½.

Adhesives.

½c violet.
1c yellow brown.
30c claret.

CHILE.—A correspondent informs *Maury's Collectionneur* that the first supply of the 3c and 15c values of the permanent set have been exhausted, and a new supply has been ordered.

COSTA RICA.—*Maury's Collectionneur* is informed that 285,000 telegraph stamps of the 1910 issue were surcharged "Correos—Un Centavo", there being 6 values as already noted. In addition to this, 360,778 telegraph stamps of the issue of 1907, seven values from 5c to 10 colones were overprinted "Correos—2 Centavos". Later, 806,176 25c telegraph stamps of 1910 were converted into 1c postage stamps, and 633,220 5c telegraph stamps of 1910 were converted into 5c postage stamps.

EGYPT.—*Sudan.*—Mr. Schachne shows us some late arrivals, all having the large (camel) stamp. The 2m has "Post Card" and an Egyptian inscription as the first headline.—"The address to be," etc., for the second and a third in Egyptian. The 4m is same plate as the 2 on 4 noted in No. 1047 or at least the upper half is. The letter envelopes are same size and cut as formerly but the headline is changed to "Letter Envelope".

Post Cards.

2m green on buff; 140x90 mm.
4m red on buff; 140x90 mm.

Letter Envelopes.

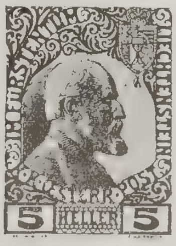
5m red on buff.
1pi ultramarine on light blue.

JAPAN.—Karl Koslowski sends us a new post card from Japan, evidently for internal use, as the only English inscriptions are the value in ovals at the sides, "1½" "Sn".

Post Card.

1½s milky blue on white.

LIECHTENSTEIN.—As announced in Nos. 1062 and 1095, the stamps for this principality have now appeared, the issue being limited to three values, as stated in No. 1095. In appearance, the new stamps resemble very closely the stamps of Austria, except that but one design is used for three values, and the portrait is that of the Prince of Liechtenstein. The portrait shows a profile, facing to the right, and is well drawn and printed. The inscription, which is similar to some of the regular Austrian values in size and printing is broken at the upper right corner to permit the Arms of the Principality to be inserted. The inscriptions are "Im Fürstentum", at the left and partly across the top, "Liechtenstein" down the right side, and "K. K Œsterr. Post" across below the portrait. The values are expressed in "Heller" with the figures of value in tablets in the lower corners, and "Heller" between. All inscriptions are in colored letters. The design measures 21½x30 mm. The stamps are printed on white unwatermarked paper, and are perforated 12½. Whitfield King & Co. have shown us the set.



Adhesives.

5h yellow green.
10h rose.
25h deep blue.

MEXICO.—William Lloyd reports that the 1p stamp of the Commemorative set has come to hand, surcharged "Oficial" in the current type of overprint.

RUSSIA.—According to the *Deutsche Briefmarken Zeitung*, the 20k blue and red has been issued on paper with crossed lines of varnish. The 5k and 10k envelopes of 1889 have been overprinted 3k and 7k respectively. The Russian Postoffice Department is reported to have sold to a Berlin dealer a large quantity of remainders of old issues in unused condition, though whether over or under face is not stated.

SERVIA.—*Ewen's Weekly* reports the issue of the higher values of both the regular postage and the newspaper stamps recently chronicled. The New England Stamp Co. has shown us the newspaper set.

Adhesives.

3d maroon.
5d violet.

Newspaper Stamps.

30p slate and black.
50p brown and black.
1d yellow brown and black.
3d red and black.
5d bluish gray and black.

WURTEMBERG.—Mr. Schachne sends us some changed official cards. These have a perpendicular ruled line dividing each card near the center leaving the left part blank and only "Postkarte" stamp and address lines on the other.

Official Post Cards.

3pf brown on buff, Amtlicher; date, 8 11.
5pf green on buff, Amtlicher; date, 4 11
3pf brown on buff, Porto Pflichtige; date, 12 11
5pf green on buff, Porto Pflichtige; da[illegible] 1

WITH THE BOY PHILATELIST.

Edited by BERTRAM W. H. POOLE, Box 231, Altadena, Calif.

We propose to insert upon this page matter that will be of interest to the boy collector. Some two thousand boys are now on our mailing list and it is our desire to come closely in contact with them in such a manner as will be most helpful. Any information desired will be cheerfully rendered through these columns. Do not submit stamps for examination.

COUNTRIES FOR THE BEGINNER.

AITUTAKI.

Aitutaki is certainly an easy country for the beginner to complete for there are only six standard varieties and unused these can be purchased for less than a dollar. Even if one assiduously collects shades it would not be possible to greatly increase the number of collectible varieties and there are no errors or luxuries of that sort. Used, the higher values are certainly difficult to obtain, but even in this condition the series could probably be completed at an expenditure of about a dollar.

Aitutaki is the northernmost of the islands forming the Hervey or Cook Archipelago. With many other islands in the South Pacific Ocean it was annexed to the British Empire in October, 1900 and in the following June it was, with Rarotonga, Mangaia, Atiu, Mouke, Niue, Mitiare, Penrhyn, Manihiki, Rakahanga and a few others included in the boundaries of the Dominion of New Zealand. Though it is one of the Cook Islands and its government is administered by the Council of the Cook Islands Federation, Aitutaki has, since 1903, issued its own distinctive stamps.

The island is of little commercial or political importance and the fact that it is suronded by dangerous reefs and has no good harbour, militates against its development. It is of volcanic formation and its highest point rises to about 400 feet above sea level.

The people who inhabit the island are Polynesians and, according to their legends, their ancestors migrated from Samoa. The Samoans are said to have found a race of black people on the island with whom they intermarried. The fact that the present natives have more pronounced features, more wavy hair, and are darker skinned and more energetic than the Samoans, seems to prove that there is more than a grain of truth in this legend. The language, too, is very closely allied to that of the Samoans. At the present time the natives are civilised having adopted Christianity and Western habits. Most of them can read and write, they dress in the European style and live in stone houses grouped in townships. They are, however, gradually dwindling in numbers as is unhappily the case with the natives of most of the South Sea Islands that come into contact with European civilisation. The island produces cocoanuts, bananas, breadfruit, cotton, and tobacco, though its trade is small.

In 1903, two years after the island had come under the jurisdiction of New Zealand, a set of distinctive stamps was issued for its use. These consisted of the then current ½d, 1d, 2½d, 3d, 6d and 1s stamps of New Zealand overprinted with the name "AITUTAKI" at the top and the value in native wording below. All values are on the paper watermarked with single-lined letters "N Z" above a star, the two lowest values being perforated 14 and the others 11. The colors of the stamps and surcharges were as follows:—

½d green, surcharged in carmine.
1d carmine, surcharged in blue.
2½d blue, surcharged in carmine.
3d yellow-brown, surcharged in blue.
6d rose-red, surcharged in blue.
1s red, surcharged in blue.

The 1s is the only value that offers much variation in shade and this may be found in two well marked tints—brown-red and bright red.

On the ½d stamp, the value in the native language is rendered as "Ava Pene"; on the 1d it is "Tai Pene"; on the 2½d it is "Rua Pene Ma Te Ava"; on the 3d it is "Toru Pene"; on the 6d, "Ono Pene," and on the 1s, "Tai Tiringi."

The designs, which are of course those of New Zealand, are interesting. On the ½d, the centerpiece shows a view of Mount Cook. This is the culminating point of the long chain of mountains that traverse the western side of the South Island. It rises to a height of 12,549 feet, and received its name in honor of Captain Cook who visited New Zealand in 1777.

The design of the 1d is allegorical in character and commemorates the introduction of Universal Penny Postage in 1901.

The 2½d stamp shows a view of Mount Earnslaw and Lake Wakapitu. Lake Wakapitu is a curiously shaped lake situated in the South Island, while Mt. Earnslaw—one of the highest points of the Southern Alps—is about ten miles due north of the lake.

On the 3d stamp a pair of sacred huia birds are shown. The huia is an interesting member of the crow family peculiar to New Zealand. The birds are remarkable for the striking difference betwen the beaks of the two sexes. The female has a long curved bill while the male has a short stout beak. The differences are plainly shown on the birds depicted on the 3d stamp.

The 6d shows another curious bird also peculiar to New Zealand. This is the kiwi or apteryx, which is closely related to the now extinct moas of Madagascar. The wings are only rudimentary so are quite useless for flight, the feathers are hair-like in appearance, the tail is inconspicuous, and the long curved beak has the nostrils placed close to its extremity. The bird lives almost exclusively on earth worms which are located by its sense of smell hence the usefulness of the nostrils in such an unusual position.

On the 1s two birds are shown; both members of the parrot family. The bird on the right is a Kaka—a fruit eating parrot plentiful in the wooded districts of both islands. The bird on the left, with raised wings, is the Kea or sheep killing-parrot. It is carnivorous in its habits—a curious trait considering that practically all other members of the parrot family live on fruit and nuts. Its natural food is insects but it is alleged to have acquired the reprehensible habit of killing sheep. According to many eminent naturalists however this charge has never been satisfactorily proved.

NEW HEBRIDES.

The *Sydney Morning Herald*, 25-12-11, published a rumor from Noumea in circles which are usually well informed, that a proposal is being seriously considered by France and Great Britain for a division of the New Hebrides. The same newspaper published an editorial on the subject, from which we extract the following: "We get word of a report current in Noumea that Great Britain and France are now seriously discussing the question of the division of the New Hebrides. It is not necessary at this stage to do more than emphasize the fact that something must be done; and if subdivision is seen to be the only way out, although likely to cause a certain amount of friction and much controversy, the proposed rearrangement would be very much better than any continuance of the present condition of affairs. The Condominium is manifestly a failure. Abuses remain uncorrected, and the position so far as British interests are concerned is steadily going from bad to worse. It is a hopeful sign that both of the Powers concerned realize this, and are determined to find a way out of the dangerous impasse into which they have wandered. The special point of interest now is Australia's relation to a possible agreement. Is the Commonwealth Government being consulted? We should feel chagrined if division were made on some basis which left Great Britain with a weaker position in the New Hebrides."—*Aust. Stamp Journal.*

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1903	" 6pi grey and green, used or unused	.97
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Beginning with the above year, the first printings of the 1 and 2 cent denominations were in olive green and red respectively; the watermark being of the familiar type USPOD 1903 known to collectors as No. 14. When only 9 out of a possible 16 varieties of the 1c and only 30 out of a possible 34 varieties of the 2c had appeared, collectors were suddenly confronted with a change in color for both values, to blue-green and carmine respectively. At once there was a merry hunt for the early shades by those who had neglected to take them as they came along.

When apparently these efforts had brought a well earned rest from his labors, the collector was deluged with the now well known 143 varieties of recut dies of the 2c value, and to the present day many are still on the lookout for some of the missing ones of the collections to turn up. A fairly comprehensive collection of these recut dies alone will number over 600 specimens if size and paper only are considered, but if shades in the stamped impression also are included 1000 or more specimens will be easily attained.

A sigh of relief went up, even from the most enthusiastic with the announcement of a new issue in 1907 although the award of the contract to a new and untried firm, apparently boded no good. These gloomy misgivings were only too soon realized. The first printings of the two cent value were in brown-red, and in the short period in which this color was used three distinct dies were used known as A, A-2, and B; of which A2 is quite scarce in that color, being found only on Size 5. It is known on all of the four colors of paper for that size, but the blue and buff are well worth looking for. The watermark for this series was similar to that for 1903, the substitution of a 7 for the 3 in the date being the principal difference; it however is found in two distinct forms, known as watermarks No. 15 and 15B respectively. The 1c, 4c, and 5c values appeared each with two distinct dies, in use at the same time, for which in the case of the two higher values at least, no good explanation has ever been given. Up to this point, not including the numerous minor varieties of paper or defective printing, 16 straight varieties (the complete schedule number) of the 1c Die A were issued; similarly 10 out of a possible 16 have been found of Die B. Of the 2c dies; Die A appeared on the full schedule number of 34, Die A2 only on 4 and Die B has 11 varieties out of a possible 34 to its credit. The 4c Die A shows 5 of a possible 6 varieties, while Die B has the entire 6 accounted for. Die A of the 5c only was found in 2 combinations, while Die B has the full schedule of 4.

With the above 92 collectible major varieties to attend to, further confusion was caused by a sudden change in color of the 2 cent value to carmine, and the appearance of a fourth die for this value, known as Die C, which together with the three earlier ones were used promiscuously in the carmine printing as in the brown-red. In addition, the purchase of some remaining stock of the 1903 paper by the contractors, and its use, still further complicated this series; finally to cap the climax, there appeared 3 recut 1c dies known as Die C, and 13 recut 2c dies known as Die D.

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ther, a series of open-end envelopes (now soon to be discontinued) was issued with the 1c value impressed, different dies being used as came handiest apparently. An immense number of albinos (one can nearly fill the complete schedule of sizes and papers with these), mis-strikes and other freak varieties of printing or folding accompanied the legitimate varieties, so that a collection of this 1907 series alone, if specialized, soon assumes vast proportions.

Taking straight varieties, however, beginning with the change in color of the 2c to carmine and including the different watermarked papers used and the old reissued knives, gives collectors the following numbers to add to their holdings:—2c Die A; 34: with 1903 wmk.; 10: with 1894 wmk.; 1: Die A2; 26 with 1903 wmk.; 2: Die B; 5: Die C; 18: with 1903 wmk.; 1: a total of 97 for the 2c alone.

In the 1c Die A, 4 varieties are added with the 1894 wmk.; and 5 with the 1903 wmk., while the open-end varieties of 1910, add 13 more to the list. The 1c Die C with its varieties add 7, and the varieties of the 2c Die D add 54 to the already long list, totaling 272 major varieties for the issue of 1907.

About the middle of 1911 a renewal of the contract for the next four years' supplies was made with the same contractors of the 1907 series; and living up to their reputation with that issue, they are now flooding us with new varieties. To start with, the contractors, apparently without the consent or knowledge of the P. O. Department, had paper manufactured with the date of the former watermark simply changed to read 1911. This is known as wmk. 16, and is only found on the first quality (white or amber) papers; the second quality (blue or buff) being manufactured by another concern. The contractors were allowed to use it up, however, pending the preparation of paper bearing an approved watermark, which shortly appeared having the date 1911 in a line below the letters USSE, being very similar in form to that adopted for the adhesive stamps of the current series. This new wmk. is called No. 17. Dies A, B and C of the 1c value and A, A2, and C of the 2c have been used so far; while recently an entirely new knife has been used for both values on Sizes 5, 11 and 13 only, as this shape could be manufactured more cheaply than the old knife for those sizes.

Unless convenience should dictate its further use on the remaining sizes of the schedule, it will probably only be used on the two mentioned, as the price quoted on the other sizes was the same either way. The “décolleté” cut allows of the readier removal of the contents of an envelope, and it would seem to be an improvement sufficiently important to be extended to all sizes. However, the possibilities, then of a collector of entires of this current series is something as follows:—

(a) 1c DIE A, WMK. 16 (USPOD 1911) with old knife:

Size 2, white and amber,	2
“ 3, “ “	2
“ 5, “ “	2
“ 8, “ “	2
“ 11, “ only,	1
“ 13, “ and amber,	2
Total varieties,	11

(b) 1c DIE A, WMK. 16 (USPOD 1911) with new knife:

Size 5, white and amber,	2
“ 13, “ “	2
Total varieties,	4

(c) 1c DIE A, WMK. 17 (USSE 1911) with old knife:

Size 2, white and amber,	2
“ 3, “ “	2
“ 5, “ “	2
“ 6, “ and manila,	2
“ 8, “ and amber,	2
“ 11, white only	1
“ 12, manila wrapper,	1
“ 13, white, amber, blue and buff,	4
Total varieties,	16

(d) 1c DIE A, WMK. 17 (USSE 1911) with new knife:

Size 5, white and amber,	2
“ 13, all four colors,	4
Total varieties,	6

		Die	Wmk.		No. Vars.
(e)	1c	B,	16;	old knife; as (a),	11
(f)	1c	B,	16;	new “ “ (b),	4
(g)	1c	B,	17;	old “ “ (c),	16
(h)	1c	B,	17;	new “ “ (d),	6
(i)	1c	C,	16;	old “ “ (a),	11
(j)	1c	C,	16;	new “ “ (b),	4
(k)	1c	C,	17;	old “ “ (c),	16
(l)	1c	C,	17;	new “ “ (d),	6

The above 12 groups give a grand total of a possible 111 varieties in combinations of die, wmk., knife, size and paper; divided equally into 37 varieties for each of the three 1c dies.

In the 2c value the list is even longer, as the schedule calls for a greater range in sizes than for the 1c. It will total up about as follows:—

(m) 2c DIE A; WMK. 16; old knife:

Size 1, white only,	1
“ 2, “ and amber,	2
“ 3, “ “	2
“ 4, “ “	2
“ 5, “ “	2
“ 7, “ “	2
“ 8, “ “	2
“ 9, “ “	2
“ 10, “ only,	1
“ 11, “ “	1
“ 13, “ and amber,	2
“ 14, “ “	2
Total varieties,	21

(n) 2c DIE A; WMK. 16; new knife:

Size 5, white and amber,	2
“ 13, “ “	2
No. varieties,	4

(o) 2c DIE A; WMK. 17; old knife:
The complete schedule will probably be found under this group. No. varieties, 34.

(p) 2c DIE A; WMK. 17; new knife:

Size 5, all four colors,	4
“ 13, “ “ “ ,	4
Total varieties,	8

	Varieties.
(q) 2c DIE A-2; WMK. 16; old knife: Same varieties as under (m),	21
(r) 2c DIE A-2; WMK. 16; new knife: Same as under (n),	4
(s) 2c DIE A-2; WMK. 17; old knife: Same as under (o),	34
(t) 2c DIE A-2; WMK. 17; new knife: Same as under (p),	8
(u) 2c DIE C; WMK. 16; old knife: Same as under (m),	21
(v) 2c DIE C; WMK. 16; new knife: Same as under (n),	4
(w) 2c DIE C; WMK. 17; old knife: Same as under (o)	34
(x) 2c DIE C; WMK. 17; new knife: Same as under (p),	8

The above 12 groups (“m” to “x” inclusive) give a grand total of a possible 201 varieties in combinations of die, wmk., knife, size and paper, divided equally into 67 varieties for each of the three 2c dies.

At the present writing (Feb. 19, 1912) only the 5c, Size 5, Die A on white of the 4c or 5c values has been reported on either of the 1911 wmk. papers or with new knife, and owing to the relatively small use made of these values, it will probably be well along in the four years' period, if at all, before any further change is noticed in these values. In that event the possibility of any of the USPOD 1911 paper (wmk. 16) being used for other values is quite remote; but if any future printings should be required the USSE 1911 paper would undoubtedly be the one used. The new knife, applying only to Sizes 5 and 13 would not affect the 4c value at all, appearing as it does only on Sizes 7, 8, 9 and would only therefore be used with Size 5 of the 5c.

However, if by any chance, others *have* been printed on wmk. 16 paper, to be later succeeded by the wmk. 17 type, here are the possible varieties for collectors to be on the watch for, and some may be found, too:—

(y) 4c; DIE A; WMK. 16; old knife:

Size 7, white and amber,	2
“ 8, “ “	2
“ 9, “ “	2
Total varieties,	6

	Varieties.
(z) 4c DIE A; WMK. 17; old knife: Same as (y),	6
(aa) 4c DIE B; WMK. 16; old knife:	6
(bb) 4c DIE B; WMK. 17; old knife:	6

(cc) 5c DIE A; WMK. 16; old knife:

Size 3, white and amber,	2
“ 5, “ “	2
Total varieties,	4

(dd) 5c DIE A; WMK. 16; new knife: Size 5, white and amber,	2
(ee) 5c DIE A, WMK. 17; old knife: Same as under (cc),	4
(ff) 5c DIE A; WMK. 17; new knife: Same as under (dd),	2
(gg) 5c DIE B, WMK. 16; old knife: Same as under (cc),	4
(hh) 5c DIE B, WMK. 16; new knife: Same as under (dd),	2
(ii) 5c DIE B; WMK. 17; old knife: Same as under (cc),	4
(jj) 5c DIE B; WMK. 17; new knife: Same as under (dd),	2

The above 12 groups (“y” to “jj” inclusive) show a grand total of a possible 48 varieties in combinations of die, wmk., knife, size and paper, divided equally between the two values.

A recapitulation of the three issues of 1903, 1907 and 1911, gives the following result:

1903 including “recuts”,	736 varieties
1907,	272 “
1911,	360 “
Grand total.	1368 collectible
varieties, or omitting the 1903 recut 2c dies,	635
leaves	733 major var.

While this latter total seems large, and in reality is unnecessarily so, it should not deter *anyone* from attempting the task of collecting them, even if the pocket-book has to be considered, for allowing, say an average cost of five cents a variety at the time of issue, the total amount expended by a careful searcher at the various postoffices and in following up varieties used by business houses is only a little over $36. Spread this total over the 12 years covered by these three issues and the amount per year, $3, appears trivial in proportion to the pleasure obtained from their gathering. In what other line can so much be obtained for so slight an outlay? And there is always the incentive of a “find” of some hitherto unchronicled variety to keep the enthusiasm at a white heat. Call it the “lure of the unknown” or what you will, a fifteen minutes' talk with a collector of U. S. entires will convince one that this fascinating branch of philately is one well worth following, and the novice of today will become the enthusiast of tomorrow.

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—This time it is Oakland, Cal., with an aeroplane postmark and we are indebted to Philip M. Fisher, Jr. for greetings from Oakland via the aeroplane route. The postmark and cancellation are of the regulation character, the postmark bearing the date "Feb. 17, 1912".

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—W. T. Wilson, Birmingham, England, sends us for review a copy of his 1912 Price List. The list is a very comprehensive one and its numerous pages are filled with bargain offers of single stamps, sets and packets. Mr. Wilson will send this list to anyone on request and a bi-monthly circular of novelties and bargains may be had regularly upon request also.

—H. Franke favors us with an aerial postmark "Oakland, Cal." The date of the aviation meet was Feb. 18.

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—Frank C. Davis of Mohawk, N. Y., was a recent caller at the WEEKLY office.

—Monday, February 26, we received forty-eight new subscriptions to the WEEKLY. This is a record performance and is an indication of the new collecting blood that is being added to our mailing list.

—The Hussman Stamp Co. advises us that one thousand orders have been shipped for sample copy purposes. We shall issue a Recruiting Special the latter part of March and send the same to as many live names as possible. The Hussman orders have all been received during the past few months.

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EDITORIAL.

Work Cut Out—Under date of January 27th, it was reported that Postmaster-General Hitchcock had authorized the preparation of designs and plates for proposed stamps to commemorate the Panama-Pacific fair at San Francisco in 1915. In this connection it is represented that the authorities are taking much interest in the issue and it is their wish not to disappoint the high expectations and enthusiasm of the promoters of the enterprise. It is desired to have the designs of special appeal and significance, in a broad or general sense, to Americans and no efforts will be spared to make the stamps "the most beautiful in artistic design and finish that have yet been issued by the Postoffice Department." The department shows a commendable ardor but it has a task on hand to really excel some of our handsome stamp creations of the past.

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Things of Beauty—The United States 1869 set for instance, certainly was the most beautiful and unconventional that had appeared up to 1870; and to-day it sets so high a standard that it perhaps is the most popular in a philatelic sense of all our issues. When one analyzes the application of the designs of the different stamps to the service that they were calculated to perform, the combination of art and utility seems admirable. Beginning with January 1st, 1869, the United States had concluded postal conventions with great uniformity of principles and details with Great Britain and Ireland, Belgium, Switzerland, the Netherlands, the North German Union, and Italy, whereby marked reductions in the rates became effective; and, in a way, the designs of the 1869 set, illustrated the reform. The one-cent appropriately showed the founder of the service, the illustrious Franklin. The two and the three-cent, the past and the present modes of mail transportation. Double weight domestic letters brought the features of Washington on the six-cent. The ten-cent took the golden American eagle to many countries abroad; and to Belgium and the states of the North German Union on letters transmitted by regular lines of steamers plying directly between a port of the United States and one of the north of Europe. The ocean steamer on the twelve-cent carried the half-ounce letter over the green sea to Great Britain; the double letter recalled England's attention to the signing of the Declaration of Independence and if the reminder was indelicate or ungenerous, it embodied a much gentler suggestion than the "Surrender of Cornwallis," which it is said was first selected as the design, would have done. Italy and the Italian states could view with pride the Landing of Columbus on the fifteen-cent; and the same rate applied to Switzerland, Holland, Belgium, Prussia and the other North German States, Turkey, etc., as well as to other countries scattered about the world. The flag and the eagle of the American republic on the thirty-cent pointed to France's reestablishment of the republic and the overthrow of the second empire; and thirty cents was the commonest rate, quarter-ounce weight, to far-away lands, to which the red, white and blue found its way. Heavy foreign letters and weighty domestic mail were franked by the ninety-cent, with the immortal Lincoln's portrait in the color of mourning.

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They Search and Find—An interesting study of the four-cent Columbian varieties has been received from Mrs. J. A. B. Whitney, Houston Heights, Texas, to which we shall be likely to refer later. She says: "There seems to be on some stamps, thinness of color, where the varieties developed, as though work of some kind had been done. There was one stamp where the right hand numeral was dressed up in a wonderful way, 'a freak.' The paper seemed too rough to take up the ink properly. It was not worn or thin,—hardly the fault of the printer." Mrs. Whitney submits a specimen that clearly shows that the foliate ornaments were changed in the manner described. Mr. Eil Fisher, Pacific Grove, California, after examining seven thousand of the two-cent Columbian and finding every variety except the double line at right type has turned his attention to the one-cent of the 1890 issue and sends seven variations in and about the numerals that must be seen to be appreciated. Mr. Fisher, who is seventy years of age, has done a remarkable task in segregating and classifying these minor variations. Mr. J. Arthur Wainwright, Morganton, North Carolina, reports some observations arrived at after his scrutiny of the two-cent Columbians, which we shall refer to, again.

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What?—It has been asked what the letters, H. P., enclosed in an ellipsis, on the three-cent, 1861, signify; and also, what "Way 5" in two lines on an envelope bearing one of the little Blood locals means. We can only theorize as to the meanings. Does any reader know?

Mail-Coach Days—A reference has been found in a periodical of 1841 to the "failure of western mails" which illustrated the regulations supposed to govern the transportation of mail by stage coach at the time. It was required that the contractors convey the mail of the United States in its entirety in such a carriage as was prescribed by the postoffice department and the conveyance was to be devoted wholly to the mails of the United States except for three seats for passengers. It was stipulated, however, that the permission to carry the three passengers was abrogated if the travelers occupied space that made the exclusion of any part of the mails necessary; in other words, the three passengers could be carried only in addition to the mail matter. The carriage of persons and their baggage sometimes interferred with the taking of the whole supply of mail and this practice of displacing the mail in favor of the individuals indulged in by some stage drivers provoked strenuous objection and was made the subject of investigation by the department. However, the postmaster-general had the authority to order larger carriages of sufficient capacity to contain the entire mail and the three passengers. It was soon after this time that the transportation of mail by rail was begun.

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Seventy Year Old Roast—At the time mentioned in the foregoing item, 1841, the Whigs were in power at Washington and their political opponents made capital over the failure as they called it of the Whig reform under the administration of General Harrison "Tippecanoe," particularly in postal affairs. A sarcastic example of Democratic comment is of curious interest: "Some time in the early part of the summer I happened at our city postoffice, where I saw one of the messengers belonging to the General Postoffice hand in a parcel about four feet long, carefully enveloped, tied and sealed, directed to some person in Virginia, and bearing the frank of a high dignitary of the Postoffice Department, whilome an editor of a Turf Register. The postoffice clerk observed that he thought it was too heavy to be admitted in the mail and returned it to the messenger. Now what do you think that parcel contained. I would give you a month of Sundays and you could not guess; so I will tell you. On inquiry, it was found to be a jointed fishing rod, weighing about four pounds, when extended reaching sixteen or eighteen feet. Any person curious in the history of the times, that would take the trouble to inquire at the Postoffice Department might learn more of the fishing rod and the fisherman, too."

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(*Concluded from last week.*)

THE 1894 ISSUE.

In 1894 the territory administered by the British North Borneo Company was officially christened the "State of North Borneo". As new stamps were required the Company took advantage of the opportunity to issue a set of handsomely engraved stamps in place of the somewhat inartistic labels that had hitherto been used. Messrs. Waterlow & Sons, of London, were entrusted with the order for this new series and the stamps certainly reflect the greatest credit on that firm. The designs are typical of the territory and as the bi-colored process was employed the stamps form a set of the greatest attractiveness. The colors and values were:—

1c olive with black centre.
2c lake with black centre.
3c mauve with green centre.
5c vermilion with black centre.
6c brown with black centre.
8c purple with black centre.
12c blue with black centre.
18c green with black centre.
24c claret with blue centre.

It will be noted that the ½c, 4c and 10c values were discontinued while three new ones, 12c, 18c and 24c, were added to the set. The central designs are a Dyak chief, for the 1c, a "Roussa" or Malay stag for the 2c, a sage palm for the 3c, an Argus pheasant for the 5c, the Arms of the Company for the 6c, a Malay dhow for the 8c, a crocodile for the 12c, a view of Mount Kina-Balou (the highest point in the whole of Borneo) for the 18c, and the Arms of the Company, with crest, supporters, and motto for the 24c. In each case, handsome borders are supplied, these all showing the inscriptions "State of North Borneo", and "Postage & Revenue" as well as the value.

The printing contract was not entirely taken from Messrs Blades, East & Blades, for that firm continued to produce the values from 25c upwards. A new edition of all six of these had to be made, showing the new designation of the territory and these were produced by lithography according to an official statement.

THE 1895 PROVISIONALS.

In June 1895, a set of five different provisionals was issued, these all being made by surcharging the $1 stamp. The type was the same for all—extra large numerals above the word "CENTS". The values were 4c, 10c, 20c, 30c and 40c. The two first named were denominations that had been included in all sets issued down to 1894, so that there may have been a legitimate necessity for these. It is curious to note, however, that no regular 4c stamp was issued until five years later, a 10c did not appear until 1902, while regular 20c, 30c, and 40c stamps were never issued at all!

THE 1897 ISSUE.

Whoever was responsible for the designs of the pictorial stamps issued in 1894, made a grave error in omitting the inscriptions in Chinese and Malayan characters which had appeared on all the labels previously current. The Postmaster pointed out the necessity of such inscriptions as so many of the inhabitants of the territory were Chinese and Malays with little knowledge of any language but their own and in 1897, Messrs. Waterlow & Sons were instructed to prepare new plates showing the Oriental inscriptions. The "head" plates, from which the central portions of the designs were printed were used for the new issue without alteration, but the alterations necessary to the borders to make room for the extra inscriptions were so radical that these portions of the stamps bear little resemblance to the corresponding values of 1894. The colors were the same as before. In making the 18c die, the engraver made the inscription "Postage & Revenue" read "Postal Revenue" and in engraving the die for the 24c he omitted this inscription altogether. The errors were not noted for some little time, but directly they were detected, new plates had to be made for these values with the correct inscriptions.

THE 4c PROVISIONALS OF 1899.

All of the current values from 5c to $10 were requisitioned in 1899 for the purpose of making a number of totally unnecessary 4c stamps. Of the rubbishy nature of these I think there can be little doubt and they may well be ignored. The type is similar to that used for the surcharge of June, 1895, with the numeral and "cents" a little more widely spaced.

THE 1900-02 ISSUE.

In 1900 a regular 4c stamp appeared, this being engraved and printed by Waterlow's. The centerpiece depicts an Orang-outang in his native habitat. The colors chosen for this value were green and black, but as in the same year the 2c was issued in these colors to conform with Postal Union requirements the 4c had to be changed in color. The new edition of the 4c was printed with a carmine border the centre being in black as before. In 1902 10c and 16c stamps were added to the set these also being produced in the Waterlow establishment and printed in two colors. The 10c (slate-lilac with brown centre) shows a Bruang or honey bear, while on the 16c (printed in chestnut and green) a local view with railway train in the background, forms the central device.

THE "BRITISH PROTECTORATE" OVERPRINT.

The territory administered by the British North Borneo Company was placed under British protection in 1888 and as this fact was not generally known the Company decided in 1901 that for the future the stamps should all bear the words "BRITISH PROTECTORATE." All the stamps from 1c to $2 inclusive were overprinted with these words in red, blue, green, or black, according to which color showed plainest on the several denominations. All except the 10c, 16c, $1 and $2 were placed on sale on October 8th, 1901. The 10c and 16c were issued with the overprint in July, 1902, while the $1 did not appear until January, 1904. The overprint on this latter value was in red but in 1905 it was changed to black and at the same time the $2 appeared. The 10c is known with double overprint, the 25c exists with the words inverted and a tete-beche variety is known while the 6c and 8c are known without period after "Protectorate."

THE 1904-5 PROVISIONALS.

Late in 1904 or early in 1905 the unseemly tactics of 1899 were repeated and another lengthy set of "4 cents" provisionals were issued. This time the type of the overprint was changed the numeral being smaller and "cents" being in ordinary lettering. These appear to have been as speculative as they were entirely unnecessary and as there are no "extenuating circumstances" they may quite well be ignored altogether.

THE 1909 ISSUE.

A new set of stamps ranging in value from 1c to 24c appeared in 1909 these having the words "British Protectorate" as part of the designs. These handsome labels were engraved and printed by Messrs. Waterlow & Sons and they are interesting as depicting animals, birds and incidents which had not hitherto been shown on the stamps for this territory. All were printed in two colors the values being as follows:—

1c brown with black centre.
2c yellow-green, black centre.
3c lake, black centre.
4c red, black centre.
5c yellow-brown, black centre.
6c olive, black centre.
8c carmine, black centre.
10c ultramarine, black centre.
12c deep blue, black centre.
16c red-brown, black centre.
18c green, black centre.
24c violet, black centre.

On the 1c a Malayan tapir is shown. This animal is peculiar to the Malayan region and may at once be identified from all other tapirs by the curious white "sheet mark" around its body. On the 2c is shown a "traveller's tree"; on the 3c is a view of the town of Jesselton which bids fair to become one of the most important settlements in the district; on the 4c is shown the group of gentlemen present at the signing of the original concession of the territory prior to the incorporation of the Company; on the 5c is an elephant; on the 6c, a rhinoceros; while on the 8c, a native is shown in the act of ploughing, the curious native plough being drawn by a buffalo. On the remaining values other specimens of the country's fauna are shown, viz.:—a wild boar on the 10c, a parrot on the 12c, a hornbill on the 16c, a "Banteng" or wild bull on the 18c, and a cassowary on the 24c. All the stamps of this series bear the imprint of the manufacturers at the base in tiny capitals after the style beloved by the American Bank Note Co.

Either the 18c was printed in error or its inutility was discovered before many had been sold for it was soon converted into a 20c stamp by means of an overprint in red ink.

THE 1911 ISSUE.

Although, since 1894, Messrs. Waterlow and Sons had printed all the North Borneo stamps of the values from 1c to 24c inclusive the higher denominations were the work of Blades, East & Blades—the original contractors. In 1911, the contract for these values also, was awarded to the first named firm with the result that a new set of the higher values were issued. These are all uniform in size, being as large as the $1 stamps previously in use. The designs, of which there are two, show the Arms of the Company somewhat after the style of those shown on the 6c and 24c stamps of 1894. They were engraved from steel plates and, like the series of 1909 of which they really form the completion, they show the inscription "British Protectorate" and also the maker's imprint. The colors are 25c, green; 50c, steel-blue; $1, chestnut; $2, lilac; $5, lake; and $10, brick-red.

With the above the philatelic history of this territory is completed to date so far as the ordinary stamps are concerned. In addition to these there are a number of postage due stamps, all formed by converting the regular labels to this special use by means of an overprint, and three interesting postal fiscals.

(Reprints of this article will be made uniform with the series advertised from time to time. These reprints fit into the blank album wherever needed and are supplied at 5c each. We furnish a neat binder for 30c which covers actual cost only.—Ed.)

Wolsieffer's Sale No. 119
Exhibition Dates and Places

To be held at the "Collectors' Club," Kalil Bldg., 14 Park Place, New York City, Thursday Evening, March 28, 8 P. M.

EXHIBITED IN CHICAGO—At my office, 1301 Ft. Dearborn Bldg., on Saturday and Monday, March 16th and 18th, from 10 A. M. to 4 P. M.
DETROIT—At the Cadillac Hotel, Tuesday, March 19th.
CLEVELAND—At the Colonial Hotel, Wednesday, March 20th.
BOSTON—At the Parker House, Friday, March 22nd.
PHILADELPHIA—At the Walton Hotel, Monday, March 25th.
NEW YORK CITY—At the office of J. C. Morgenthau & Co., 87 Nassau St., March 27th and 28th, from 10 A. M. to 4 P. M.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

In addition to this sale, Mr. Wolsieffer will have with him the fine lot of stamps, the property of Mr. E. C. Althen, of Elgin, Ill. This collection consists of only United States and British North America, and is very strong in Pairs, Blocks, Covers, etc. It will catalog over **$6500.00,** and will be offered as a whole at private sale. Any collector or dealer interested in the purchase of such a property will be given the privilege of inspecting it.

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Wanted precancelled stamps. Will pay 5c each for any I can use in my collection. ROBT. WEBER, Galeton, Pa. [tf*

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The Precancel Monthly for January was 8 pages! Contained a "Check List of the Precancelled Stamps of Canada." Notes of new and old precancel issues, list of cities using "Christmas precancels," chronicle of late issues, late news etc., etc. No American stamp journal printed on better paper. Already issued nine numbers and on a firm basis. For 35 cents you will receive 12 numbers and a bunch of precancels free! Your subscription dated back if you say so. 9 back numbers for a quarter, 3 sample copies 10c. THE JOHN M. STUART COMPANY, Paris, Ky.

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CHRONICLE OF NEW ISSUES AND VARIETIES

Edited by HENRY A. KIDDER.

Any information regarding new issues will be gratefully received and acknowledged. Address HENRY A. KIDDER, 17 Addison St., Arlington, Mass. Letters calling for a reply should contain a self-addressed, stamped envelope. We cannot give applicants the addresses of our correspondents. Correspondence regarding precancelled stamps must be sent to FRANK B. ELDREDGE, Attleboro, Mass., when due credit will be given in this department.

UNITED STATES.—B. D. Baker has shown us a copy of the 8c with single lined watermark, which has the appearance of being laid, the same effect which has been a bone of contention among philatelists for so long. The laid lines appear quite distinct when the paper is wet, and yet the experts say that no stamps of the United States were ever issued on genuine laid paper, the varieties previously reported being due to some defect or peculiarity in printing.

Frank B. Eldredge submits the following list of new precancels:

Akron, Ohio, 3c 1911, normal; type V.
Buffalo, N. Y., 2c 1911, normal; type IV.
Minneapolis, Minn., 2c 1911, normal; type VII.
Chicago, Ill., 1c 1911, normal, Schermack No. 3; type V.
Cincinnati, Ohio, 2c 1911, normal; type VI.

Mr. Eldredge also shows us a used copy of the new 10c stamp, the first we have seen in this condition, and C. P. Swain also favors in the same particular. Mr. Swain reports having seen plate number A 5729 on the new registry stamps, and A 5764 on the new 10c stamps.

C. P. Swain sends us a number of the 2c Columbian stamps, with various defects in printing showing the so-called caps on the figures of value, and has really got together an interesting lot, though no new varieties are contained in the specimens submitted.

Another aeroplane card has come to hand, this time from the "Aeroplane Station" at Oakland, California, a specimen card being shown us by Herman Franke.

Howard C. Buttermore reports having seen the 1c, 2c and 10c postage due stamps, on paper watermarked with small single lined letters.

AUSTRIA.—*Offices in the Levant.*—The postage due stamps are now being issued on thick ordinary paper, all values except the ¼pi, ½pi and 2½pi having been seen on this paper.

CANADA.—Douglas A. Denesha sends three blocks of the ½c Quebec Tercentenary stamps showing as many different shades, ranging from light to dark. Mr. Denesha says that the darkest shade, almost black, is the rarest.

DUTCH INDIES.—*Ewen's Weekly* notes the issue of all values from ½c to 50c, surcharged "Java" at the top instead of at the bottom.

GREAT BRITAIN.—*Ewen's Weekly* reports the issue of a new wrapper, with portrait of King George, the design of the stamp being the same as that of the post card previously chronicled.

Offices in the Levant.—*Ewen's Weekly* notes the issue of some new stationery, overprinted for use in the Levant. The wrapper has a portrait of King Edward and the registration envelope that of King George.

Wrapper.

½d green; "Levant" 13½mm long.

Registration Envelope.

1pi on 3d brown.

The latter is overprinted "Regn. fee 1 piastre," the surcharge being similar to that on the previous issue, the "1 piastre" measuring 18¼mm, and the distance between the two lines of the surcharge 16¼mm.

NORTH BORNEO.—*Gibbons' Monthly* chronicles the issue of the 10c, 12c, 16c and 18c values of the 1901-04 set, with "Postage Due" in surcharge.

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PORTUGUESE COLONIES.—*Lemaire's Journal* reports that the Portuguese Government will utilize the issues of stamps, with portrait of King Manuel, which were prepared before the overthrow of the monarchy, by overprinting the word "Republica." The Colonies affected are: Angola, 10 values, 2½r to 300r; Cape Verde, 12 values, 2½r to 500r; Mozambique, 11 values, 2½r to 500r; St. Thomas, 10 values, 2½r to 300r.

RUSSIA.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us the 5k in the 1909 type, this being the last stamp in the series to be issued. The paper varnish lines, like all the recent issues.

Adhesive.

5k claret.

SIAM.—The new stamps with portrait of King Wajirawudh, designed by M. Tamagno, are being printed in Leipsic, Germany, by Giesecke and Devrient, and will be issued shortly.

SOUTH AFRICAN UNION.—The *London Times* says "the design chosen for the new 1d stamp of the Union of South Africa is an exceedingly happy one, showing an excellent full face portrait of King George, surmounted by a royal crown and flanked by a spray of mealies, encircled by a narrow white band inscribed with the designation of the Union in English and Dutch. In the two upper corners of the stamp are depicted a mail steamer and a mining shaft. The design is the work of C. P. Immelmann of Paarl, Cape Colony, and secured the first prize of £10 in the Government competition."

TIBET.—*Ewen's Weekly* is informed that all the Chinese offices in Tibet have been abolished, consequently the stamps are now obsolete.

TRENGGANU.—*L'Echo* reports the issue of two high value stamps for this state, the design being the same as for the lower values, though larger.

DATES OF ISSUE OF NEW STAMPS.

James J. Britt, Third Assistant Postmaster General, informs us that the various values of the new set were issued on the dates indicated:—

1-cent books,	February 8, 1912
1-cent ordinary,	" 14, "
2-cent "	" 14, "
2-cent books,	" 14, "
8-cent ordinary,	" 14, "
10-cent "	January 11, "
15-cent "	February 14, "
50-cent "	" 14, "
1-dollar,	" 14, "

"STAMPS HARD TO GET."

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A correspondent suggests that an article dealing with hard-to-get stamps would be appreciated by our readers. We invite contributions to a symposium, suggesting that it be confined to stamps that catalog $2.00 and under. We shall hope to have a sufficient number of entries to make a worthy contribution to our columns.

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Meetings first (informal) and third (regular) Tuesdays, Room 322, Tremont Bdg., 7.30 P. M.

BOSTON, MASS., Feb. 20, 1912.

The 264th (regular) meeting, being the Anniversary meeting, was held at the Club Room at 8 o'clock this evening, with 58 members and friends present.

The following was read: —

Library Com. Report for Feb. 1912.

Received by purchase: — Gibbons' Catalog, parts I and II, 1912; Sudan (Bright's Philatelic Library, No. 1) by D. B. Armstrong.

Received by donation: — Die Marken von Kaschmir, Die Postwertzeichen von Aethiopien, and Probedrucke, Marken mit "Specimen" sowie Essais der Vereinigsten Staaten von Amerika, special catalogs by Paul Kohl, from the Publisher; 21 unpriced auction catalogs from New England Stamp Co.; Year Book of U. S. Revenue Society from the Society; the Retouched 2c Envelope Dies of the Series of 1903, by L. G. Barrett, Proofs and Essays of U. S. Envelopes, by E. H. Mason, and Proofs of U. S. Stamps, by E. H. Mason, all from the Publishers, J. M. Bartels & Co.; priced Catalog of Eugene Klein's 8th Auction Sale, from Mr. Klein.

Also the current numbers of the following magazines generously contributed by the publishers: — Gibbons' Monthly, MEKEEL'S WEEKLY, Stamp Journal, Berliner Briefmarken-Zeitung, Postage Stamp, Redfield's Weekly, Philatelic Journal of Great Britain, Scott Stamp and Coin Co. Circular, Philatelic Gazette, Roessler's Stamp News, Collectors' Journal and New England Stamp Monthly.

The resignations of Nos. 344, 490 and 526 were presented.

The Supt. of the Bourse presented a notice which will be found at the end of this report.

Applications for membership were received from

MR. EUGENE KLEIN, proposed by C. A. Howes.

MR. GEO. D. NICHOLS, proposed by John Ingraham.

The President announced the following Committee appointments: —

Room Com.: — Messrs. Fowle, Carpenter, Schuhmacher, Green, Wheeler.

Recruiting Com.: — Messrs. Dunning, Wylie, Hill, Russell.

Entertainment for April: — Messrs. F. W. Stiles, Dunning, Savary.

A telegram of congratulations was received from our Honorary Member, Mr. Charles Lathrop Pack.

The New England Stamp Co. through Mr. Batchelder, presented some facts and propositions regarding certain dies of essays. The matter was unanimously referred to the Governing Board.

A question concerning the holding of the Library funds was postponed until the next meeting.

The evening's entertainment consisted of a humorous essay in Undooley's (Mr. C. H. Fowle's) usual vein, which kept everybody good natured; a talk with display on the stamps of China, including Tibet and Formosa by Mr. C. A. Howes and an exhibition in two classes, A of ten rarest covers, and B of 25 most interesting covers. Mr. Risdon received the award in class A, and Mr. Green in class B. Mr. Green also had honorable mention in class A.

C. A. HOWES, Sec'y.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

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⁂ Members of the Society who desire to use the

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A. W. DUNNING, Supt.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

In order to prosecute its work the *Recruiting Committee* of the B. P. S. requires a certain sum of money. Not wishing to ask the Society for an appropriation of money, the Committee have decided to hold an Auction Sale at the April regular meeting, the proceeds of which will be used for recruiting purposes. Members are therefore asked to contribute such stamps as they are willing to donate for this purpose, and while not wishing to *limit* or *restrict* donations, the Committee would suggest that only such stamps as are *saleable* be sent in. Stamps may be sent to Mr. C. K. B. Nevin, 6 Beacon St., Boston, or any member of the Committee. (As some preparation of stamps is necessary, members are urged to respond *without delay*.)

A. W. DUNNING, Chmn. Recruiting Com.,
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A. W. DUNNING, Supt. of Bourse,
Newton, Mass., U. S. A.

PROPOSED BI-LINGUAL CANADIAN.

The Post Office Department at Ottawa has under consideration the issue of a bi-lingual postage stamp. In the unusual circumstances it is understood that the King's consent would have to be obtained; but as French is an official language it is not considered that its use on the stamps of the Dominion would be unfitting.

RHODE ISLAND CELEBRATES.

The 27th annual banquet of the Rhode Island Philatelic Society was held February 21 in Providence. Twenty members and friends sat down to a fine spread provided by the banquet committee, F. M. Mason.

After cigars were lighted Edw. H. Mason of Boston was introduced and the company was entertained with an exhibition of his wonderful collection of U. S. envelopes, proofs, essays and original artists' drawings. It was greatly enjoyed.

The officers for the coming year are: President, B. A. Webber, Vice-President, R. F. Chambers, Secretary, A. R. Perry, Treasurer, W. I. Cox, Exchange Manager, Geo. L. Babbitt and Librarian F. M. Mason.

ORDER STAMPS AT ONCE.

The recent upheaval of a small island off the southern coast of Trinidad caused intense excitement among the natives, who believed that the end of the world had come. This can scarcely be deemed a matter for wonder when it is recalled that the birth of the island was heralded by clouds of smoke and fire hundreds of feet high, which came from the open sea, and could be seen for a distance of at least forty miles. The first sign of anything unusual occurred Nov. 4, when a fisherman observed a small cone of strange land jutting from the sea, with water bubbling about it. In the evening came a loud report, smoke and fire, which gradually subsided. Exploration proved that the island, then some two and a half acres in extent, was in the Bay of Erin, two miles from Chatham, where, it is said, Columbus landed when he discovered Trinidad, and twelve miles from "The Serpent's Mouth," the southern entrance to the Gulf of Paria. Its highest point was about fifteen feet above the level of the sea.—*Illustrated London News.*

ARE YOU REJOICING?

Philatelists are rejoicing in the genesis of another stamp issuing country. On Jan. 1 the first issue of a set of postage stamps was made by the principality of Liechtenstein. This little country, which although a sovereign state, is only sixty-five square miles in area, is run under the complete influence of its big neighbor, Austria, and has hitherto contented itself with Austrian stamps. The tiny principality has now followed in the wake of its fellow so-called independent states, the Republic of San Marino and the principality of Monaco, in asserting in this way its postal "independence," and now the microscopic Republic of Andorra, lost in the wilds of the Pyrenees, on the Franco-Spanish frontier, is the only remaining European state that has not its own postage stamps.
—*Chicago Tribune.*

"THE WHIRLIGIG OF TIME."

J. W. SCOTT in *Metropolitan Philatelist.*

In the early seventies when stamp collecting first attained national prominence, it was the custom of the press to speak of it as a passing fad that would soon die out. Many of the papers, perhaps most of them, that pronounced this stern prophecy have already gone over to the great majority, and the remainder never fail to publish any items of philatelic interest that come their way, even cabling from Europe notices of important new issues, etc. Philately has not died nor have any of its branches withered. Sometimes we hear collectors say, Envelopes are dead, Post Cards are done for, No one collects South Americans, etc. If this was true of any line it would certainly apply to U. S. Locals; their pictures were eliminated from our catalogues and only a blank page left to accommodate them in our albums. Dealers sold their stocks (if they had any) at any price they could get and collectors—the wise ones—kept what they had and bought more when the opportunity offered. To-day U. S. Locals are the gems of the trade, no stocks, no chance to buy, and the leading collectors all wanting to buy. U. S. Locals with few exceptions are the rarest stamps in the world. If we leave out some of the issues of Blood, Boyd and Hussey, all are rare, possibly averaging a hundred copies now in existence while dozens are known only by a single copy. Collectors who take everything according to their means never get left. The whirligig of time will eventually make their ugly ducklings the flower of their flock. South Americans are also booked for a big advance. Th early issues of U. S. of Colombia, Uruguay, Argentine, Peru and Chili are all good. The high values of Mexico are not to be found and the same can be said of many other countries. Portugal and its colonies have always been in demand which has been greatly intensified by the late political changes and if a king should get back there is no knowing what prices the republican issues would command.

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Edited by BERTRAM W. H. POOLE, Box 231, Altadena, Calif.

We propose to insert upon this page matter that will be of interest to the boy collector. Some two thousand boys are now on our mailing list and it is our desire to come closely in contact with them in such a manner as will be most helpful. Any information desired will be cheerfully rendered through these columns. Do not submit stamps for examination.

INTERESTING RARE STAMPS.

BRITISH GUIANA, 1851, 2c BLACK ON ROSE.

Though the fortunate possessors of the really rare stamps must, of necessity, be few every true collector is interested in reading about the "unattainables" of philately. Occasionally these rarities are on view in famous collections shown at exhibitions but the vast majority of collectors have to be content to admire from afar through the medium of a catalogue illustration. Most of these rarities date from the early days of stamps and it is to their age almost as much as their rarity that their interesting history is due. Some years ago, at the request of the late Mr. E. J. Nankivell, I prepared a history of the world's rarest stamps for publication in his paper, the *Postage Stamp,* and as one or two readers have suggested that these articles would be of considerable interest to the beginner and general collector I propose to reprint them in these columns from time to time with any revisions and additions which may be necessary.

For our first chat we will take the 2c stamp issued in the British colony of British Guiana in 1851 (Scott's No.1). British Guiana is comparatively unimportant politically or commercially and is not a territory of great extent yet philatelically it ranks high. It can claim to have issued the rarest label known to philatelists, of which only a single copy exists, while its early issues abound in rarities making it one of the most expensive countries in which any one can specialise.

It is in the first issue of all that the stamp we are now to discuss belongs. This 2c stamp easily takes fourth place among the rarest known stamps yet it is a particularly primitive looking label and has nothing to recommend it but its rarity. Its design consists of nothing more elaborate than a crudely drawn circle in which "BRITISH" is curved at the top and "GUIANA" at the base, while across the centre is the value "2 Cents". It was printed in black on rose colored paper and its rarity may be judged from the fact that only ten specimens are known and its value is probably about $6,000. All the stamps of this first issue were of similar design and from their shape they are generally known as the "circular" stamps of British Guiana. On July 1st 1850 4c, 8c, and 12c, stamps of this type were issued, the 2c, the rarest of the series, not appearing until 1851. In an early number of the Colony's *Royal Gazette,* the paper in which all notices of an official character were published, an interesting notice bearing on the issue of the 2c stamp was printed. This was dated Feb. 1851, and stated that "by order of His Excellency the Governor, and upon the request of several of the merchants of Georgetown, it is proposed to establish a delivery of letters twice each day through the principal streets of this city. . . . Each letter must bear a stamp, for which 2c will be charged, or it will not be delivered, and when called for will be subject to the usual postage of 8c." A list of storekeepers, who had agreed to act as agents for the post-office in receiving these local letters, was given and March 1st was the date fixed for the inauguration of this new postal service. It seems hardly possible, however, that the 2c stamp can have been issued at so early a date for of the known specimens the only dated ones were used between August and November, 1851. This local service was evidently ahead of its time and was so little patronized that before the close of 1851 it was abandoned. The total number of 2c stamps issued and used must have been small for so few to have survived to the present day.

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(To be concluded.)

SHORT REPLIES.

G. E. M. (South Bend, Ind.)—The stamps you mention are revenue stamps of France, Italy, Germany, and Russia respectively and therefore they do not find a place in Scott's catalogue.

A. E. L. (Chicago)—The stamps you describe are Swedish locals of no particular value.

M. A. (Woburn, Mass.)—The difference between the United States 90c stamps of 1870-71 and 1873 is chiefly one of color and I am afraid it is impossible to adequately describe these differences in print. The color of the earlier stamp is similar to that of the 90c of 1879 if you have that stamp for comparison.

L. J. H. (Louisville, Ky.)—For some little time now advertisements have appeared in the 5pf and 10pf stamp booklets issued in Germany. These are printed in the same colors and are watermarked and perforated like the stamps themselves. The stamps in the booklets are in blocks of six, in two horizontal rows of three. At first the first "stamp" in each row was one of these advertisements but at the present time, I believe, only the first space in each block of six is occupied by advertisement matter. An interesting "sideline" collection might be made by collecting the pages from these booklets showing the various advertisements. (2) The Confederate States 10c (Scott's type A7) with outer frame line represents a distinct printing if not a separate plate. The varieties with and without line do not occur on the same plate. The strip of stamps you name in which the end one has a border line is evidently from a plate which had a border drawn around the whole block of stamps composing that plate. The "outer line" variety has lines on all four sides.

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The designs sent in, or a selection of them, will be exhibited at the Royal Horticultural Hall, Westminster, during the week of the Stamp Exhibition, October 14-19, 1912.

WATERMARKS OF THE CURRENT ISSUE.

In response to a communication sent James J. Britt, Third Assistant Postmaster General, the WEEKLY has received the following information in regard to the watermarking of our stamps. We quote as follows:

"Sheets of paper upon which are printed ordinary postage stamps are 18½ inches x 20¾ inches, and contain four hundred stamps to the sheet. The watermark U S P S runs crosswise of the paper, across the 18½ inch width. The letters are so arranged from the top of the sheet that they alternate, the second line of letters not falling immediately below the first line, but in the spaces between the letters in the first and the third lines, the third line of letters falling immediately under the first line of letters, and so on throughout the sheet.

I inclose herewith a blue print showing the method of the arrangement of the watermark from which a more correct idea can be obtained than from any description of the arrangement that might be attempted.

As will be seen from the print the letters are so arranged that either a letter or a portion of a letter must appear in each stamp. However, should a sheet be defective in watermarking, it is possible that the stamps might be printed without showing any of the watermark."

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WHAT THE NEW COLLECTOR SHOULD LEARN.

BY C. A. HOWES.

In the early days of stamp collecting the collector knew but little about stamps and the few dealers knew but little more. He took whatever came his way, for there were no catalogues such as we know now and few price-lists, so that his main supply was from friends and correspondents; and twice happy was he who had some one in a foreign country to send him a good selection for his album. Now all is changed. Such stamps as our friends supply us with are generally what every one can get with perfect ease and the really desirable ones must be obtained from the dealer or in the auction-room unless, as before, the collector is twice happy in having a friend or correspondent abroad who will look out for him.

Present Day Collecting.—Nowadays the recruit, be he young or old, has so much put before him that he is generally at a loss where to begin and what to do. He picks up a catalogue and finds in it not only a list of stamps in themselves, but varieties of perforation, paper, shade, watermark, imperfections or slight differences in the design and different types of surcharge. Then there are many kinds of albums from the printed one with a "space for every stamp issued" to the blank one in many volumes with removable leaves and each page supplied with a "mat." The dealers' price-lists come in with packets, sets and single stamps, and the attractions of approval sheets, and a host of periodicals, whose existence he hardly suspected, suddenly turns up. If he be quite young he will generally ignore all but the smaller albums and trust to his friends for donations of stamps to fill his blank spaces and to "swapping" with the other young collectors for obtaining varieties he lacks. But if he be older, and it is for these mainly that we are writing, he will, especially if at all serious about taking up the pursuit, be thankful for advice and help from those who have already been through the mill and can therefore give him pointers.

A General Collection.—It seems to be the opinion of most experienced collectors that the best start can be made as a general collector; that more can be obtained in knowledge, both philatelical and otherwise, that better experience will be obtained toward future plans for collecting and that the collector can "place" himself better when he finds he has reached certain limitations in his collection and desires to retrench in certain lines and branch out more in others.

Catalog and Album.—The first essential thing is a printed album containing spaces for all the main varieties that the governments of the world have issued. This will serve as the principal guide to the collection and give a better idea of the extent and progress of it than a catalogue and a blank album. The smaller printed albums will do for the boys, but nothing less than a thoroughly up-to-date one should be obtained if one is really serious in his intentions to make a good collection. A standard catalogue should also go with the album to serve as a basis of purchase and exchange and also because it contains much more information than the album generally gives. I have found it convenient to check off the stamps in the collection by placing a pencil dot beside the price, used or unused, as the case may be, thus making a handy catalogue of the collection to take with me for reference purposes.

Large Variety Packet.—Equipped with these two books, the novice has his tools and lacks only his material. To obtain this the best way is to begin with one of the large variety packets, for with many of these an excellent selection of the commoner stamps can be obtained for the most reasonable expenditure. It may be that several such packets could be selected, knowing the range of each, which would yield but few duplicates and fill in the album to the best advantage. But when the limit of usefulness in packets is reached the next step which will repay one best is the purchase of sets of stamps which are advertised by most dealers. An inspection of the album will quickly determine what sets are most desirable, and when these have been exploited the approval sheet or book is next in order. With packets and sets one has to take what comes; with approval selections one has the pick and can fill in blank spaces or replace poor specimens with better or used with unused as desired.

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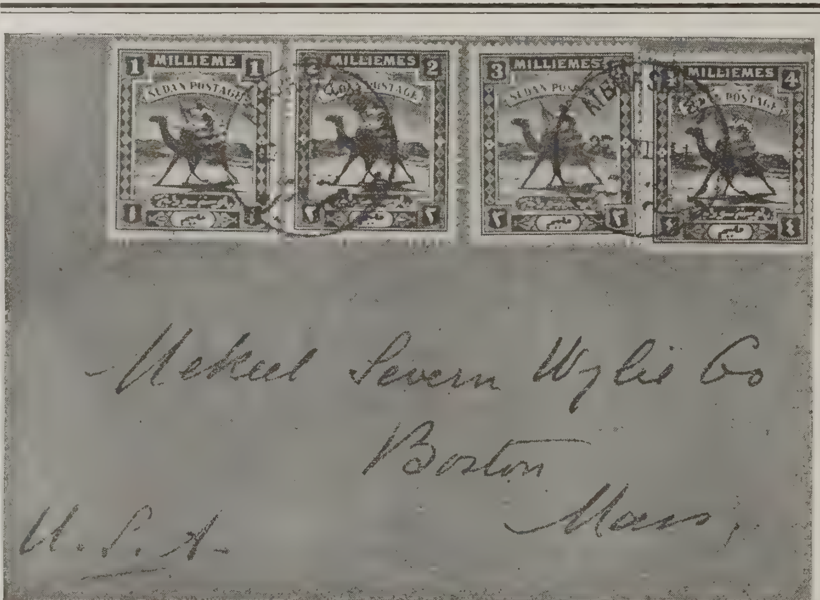
Used or Unused.—As between used and unused stamps the collector himself is the best judge. The used are generally the cheaper, and one's pocketbook must be taken into account with most collectors. The unused are handsomer, of course, and perhaps pay better in the end as an investment, but with the true collector a stamp is no less desirable because it has a postmark on it, if it is in good condition. I have found it very satisfactory to get the lower values in sets unused where they did not cost too much, particularly if used copies were very cheap and common, and fill out the higher values with fine used specimens. When one can it is nice to have sets all unused, but it is not necessary unless one elects to collect only unused or intends to hold stamps merely for the return they will bring at some future time, and that is not true collecting.

Want Lists.—After the approval selections come the want lists, and when the collector has reached this stage his collection has obtained good proportions, and most of his blank spaces represent stamps well worth looking for. While traveling the road thus far, however, it is well to see that sets are filled up as much as possible, or at least that there are no gaps up to the values where a limit may have been set as beyond the collector's means. The present set of United States can readily be obtained through the dollar value at moderate prices, but if the collector does not care to pay quite as much as the $2 and $5 will cost him, let him see that all values are represented up to the $2. A full set looks better and is more of a pride and credit to its owner than a broken one, and oftentimes the stamp one lacks is the very one others lack, and it is a good rule then not to let up until it is found, for such generally prove to be good property. Carry these same ideas into a country. If it is any easy one to make a good showing in be sure and complete it as far as possible, but do not, while you are "learning the ropes" and making your general collection, go too far into the minor varieties listed by letters under the major varieties which are numbered in the catalogue. It is not necessary, it will cost much more, and may result in discouraging you entirely.

What to Avoid.—Avoid reprints, specimens, essays and the like while you are a general collector, though these are well enough for specializing and then often add much interest to the collection. But in regularly issued stamps I would advise the beginner to take whatever comes along until his experience and inclination can serve him as a guide in branching out on lines he finds most to his taste. The album provides spaces for and the catalogue lists all the adhesive postage, envelope and wrapper stamps. The latter should be cut square to fit the spaces provided, unless one prefers to keep them entire. Postal cards should never have the stamp cut out, for it does not comprise the whole design. Keep the whole cards if they interest you. As for locals, it would be best to fight shy of them, for there are so many reprints and counterfeits that the novice is very apt to be taken in. Most American albums have spaces for our revenue stamps and they certainly are very attractive and many very cheap. Foreign revenues and telegraph stamps are also interesting and many are as handsome as some of our own. Spaces are not provided for these in our albums, but if they strike the collector's fancy, there is no reason why he should not put them in a blank book as a side collection, and then if his interest warrants it some day he can turn his attention to them in earnest.

When to Specialize.—It is by picking up everything in this way at first that the collector finally learns what branch of our hobby appeals to him most, and finally when his collection has reached a point where it is too much of a drain upon his time and purse to keep on in the old general lines, he branches out, selecting one or more countries as his favorites and becomes a "specialist." Then he can revel in shades, types, watermarks, perforation, paper, gum, etc., as he never could before, and the experience and knowledge gained in his general collecting will stand him in good stead. But it seems to me a mistake to sell all the rest of one's collection as many do when they begin to specialize, for often the specialty is determined by the popularity of some country and when this wanes and another takes its place this special collection may be laid aside or sold and the new candidate necessitates starting all over. Better it is, if one can afford it, to keep the general collection, as a basis for one's fancies in specializing and then there is always something to fall back on when fashion changes.

Study Your Stamps.—Finally, "study your stamps," learn all you can about them, read carefully the "Hints for Collectors" at the beginning of the Standard Catalogue until you feel you have all the information therein by heart and can apply it to the specimens you come across. Learn to distinguish quickly the different types and methods of printing. Study your postmarks and obliterations, for these are often of great help in determining the status of certain stamps, and false cancelations can then be often detected. All this you will find comes easily as you progress with your collection. Then to keep up with the times, subscribe to a good stamp paper, one that has an excellent chronicle of new issues—you can do no better than MEKEEL'S WEEKLY—and you will derive knowledge, pleasure and profit from one of the most interesting and adaptable pastimes that has sprung up for many centuries.



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Precancel stamps are still enjoying their great popularity, but the precancel collector is under a severe handicap by not having a catalogue.

Until recently Chicago was the only city that had precancelled the machine cut stamps. Ashland, Ohio, Fort Wayne, Ind., and Covington, Ky., have all recently used them.

Rubber roller type precancels have always been a nuisance, even when the roller is first applied the effect is none too attractive, but after some service the rubber type spreads and leaves a stretched smudgy impression, much larger in appearance than the original, giving the collector an idea he has some new distinct varieties although they really are all the same type except a little the worse for wear. Akron precancels are a notable example of this sort.

Recently I have noted the chronicle of new issues in this paper listing 1911 precancels. I cannot see any reason for this. Because the 1908 issue is appearing with a new watermark or a change of paper, is no reason why this changes precancels used on this paper into a 1911 issue, any more than if some of the 1902 series were printed on 1906 paper—Would they be classed as 1906 precancels? Precancelled stamps are already far too complicated without adding a lot of unnecessary varieties. Watermark paper and shade varieties have no place in a straight precancel collection.

Practically all commemorative issues are scarce, the Jamestown and Hudson-Fulton being no doubt the most scarce. Not over a half dozen cities issued Jamestown precancels and even fewer than this number used Hudson-Fulton precancels.

The St. Louis series was probably precancelled more than all the commemorative stamps combined. Aside from some scarce early printings, 2c Lincoln precancels and some 13c denominations can really be called precancel rarities.

Binghampton, N. Y. still continues its monthly dated precancels, the 1c and 5c only are used. Chicago is now offering so many varieties on the 1908 issue that it forms almost a collection in itself.

All varieties from 1c to 50c can now be obtained printed normal, normal double, inverted, inverted double, besides triple prints are frequently met with.

From rarities Chicago inverts have become almost as ordinary as normal prints. Chicago's big mail order houses use a tremendous amount of precancels and it is within bounds to say Chicago probably uses a quarter of the entire amount of precancels used.

Although Augusta, Maine, has used many permits and precancelled many stamps with a circular newspaper cancellation during the past few years it was not until very recently that Augusta came into the regulation precancel fold and produced a neat two line precancel, giving the full name of the city and state.

Several other Maine towns availed themselves of the use of Christmas precancels.

Cleveland is the latest of the large cities to change its precancel.

The unexpected rush of Christmas precancels came upon precancel collectors as a sort of mild shock. Although some new varieties were expected, the result far exceeded the greatest expectations. The Christmas trade produced so many new issues that precancel collectors are still finding new varieties.

Tacoma on the Pacific, Gloucester on the Atlantic, Grand Forks up north, and St. Augustine down south, exchanged their initial precancel greetings.

Although Westerly, R. I., has been credited with a precancelled stamp as far back as 1899, a call at the Westerly Post Office convinced the writer that this was without foundation. Westerly used its initial precancel during the recent Christmas season, all values from 1c to 10c were used, but contrary to reports, the 15c stamp was not precancelled. It is also doubtful if any inverts or double prints exist as all were carefully and neatly printed normal.

Pawtucket is the latest Rhode Island city to adopt the precancel method.

It can safely be said that New England is the backbone of precancelled stamps. Although many other cities throughout the country use precancels, it is doubtful if any other part of the country, of equal area, can point to as many cities employing the precancel system.

Westgrove and Warren, Pa., Brockport, N. Y., Elgin, Ill., and Tiffin, Ohio, are offering the minor variety cranks a study in spacing. All of these places have recently used a variety of spacings.

Minneapolis now claims three distinct fonts of the "Minn" type on the 1908 series. They will surely keep the precancel collector busy sorting out this trio.

Time and again precancels have proven themselves to be great time and labor savers but it was at the busy Xmas season that they shone at their brightest. Even few stamp collectors realize the good work precancels accomplish. It was the busy postal clerk who appreciated them most.

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NEWS GLEANINGS.

Under this heading we desire to publish all the news from the various philatelic centers. Correspondents' names will be given unless prohibited as we desire to give full credit for services rendered.

—We have received from B. Max Mehl a catalog of his auction sale to be held Wednesday, March 20, when the collection of United States coins, the property of P. H. Griffith of Los Angeles, Cal., will be offered for sale. The catalog is superbly printed and has two full page illustrations of Messrs. Griffith and Mehl. The contents of the sale constitute one of the most complete collections of United States silver coins ever offered. Coin collectors will certainly be interested in this sale. There are two full page plates illustrating some of the gems of the sale.

—J. Arthur Wainwright writing us further in connection with the double lined 2-cent Columbian gives an estimate of its worth, fixing its value at 20c.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from Mrs. J. A. Bowen (2), C. E. Thomas, C. M. Breder (5).

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EDITORIAL.

Closing Out?—Postmasters have been instructed to call attention to the issue of the "open end" stamped envelopes and to inform those of their patrons who are likely to be interested in this new style of envelope that it is in stock. From a departmental order on the subject, the following items are taken: "Postmasters are notified that the Department has available for issue a supply of 'open-end' stamped envelopes which were manufactured under the contract ended June 30, 1911. These envelopes are all plain and no special-request envelopes of the 'open-end' pattern can be supplied. The 'open-end' envelope is intended for the mailing of matter of the third class. One of the end flaps instead of the top flap remains unsealed, and the contents can be readily examined. The opening is smaller than the envelopes with the top flap unsealed, affording less chance of loss of contents in transit or of other pieces of mail matter getting caught in the opening. The 'open-end' envelope can be furnished, while the supply lasts, in the following varieties of 1-cent denomination: No. 5, white and amber; No. 6, white and manila; No. 8, white and amber; No. 13, white, amber, buff and blue. The selling prices of 'open-end' envelopes are the same as for corresponding varieties of the regular unprinted open-top pattern." Evidently, the envelope in question did not enjoy a heavy sale and judging from the use of the expression, "while they last," the issue is to be discontinued.

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Add—Messrs. Bright and Son, London, England, write: "We notice that in your number of January 27th, on page 34, there is a paragraph re British 'cut-outs.' In addition to Malta, New Zealand also allows all kinds of cut-out stationery to be used as adhesives. As regards the British, we may say that in our new catalogue will be found a complete priced list of same."

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Keep Track—The postal department wishes postmasters at postal savings depositary offices to keep separate statistics of official registered mail bearing only postal savings stamps, originating in their offices as testified to by the following order: "Postmasters at postal savings depositary offices will keep such statistical record of registered mail on postal savings business as will enable them at the end of the fiscal year to state separately the number of official letters and parcels registered free bearing the official postage stamps of the Postal Savings System, in addition to the other items usually required in the annual registration report."

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The 1851 Variations—Charles Walcott, Natchez, Mississippi, writes in reference to two types of the ten-cent, U. S., green, type of 1851, and says that no doubt the difference was caused in the same way as in the one-cent of the same issue. It is to be said in this connection that the new catalogue will list two varieties of the ten-cent, and thus make the main types collectible in a general sense. So early as 1895, Mr. Luff in an exhaustive study of the one-cent, 1851, developed some interesting details concerning the origin of the varieties of the stamp. In accounting for the varieties of different denominations in the set, he said it was commonly supposed that the lines had been removed from the plates. He asked pertinently how they could be cut out of a plate with impressions in recess; the operation would make the lines larger and have the opposite effect to the one desired. Further, it was impractical to fill in or pound out lines engraved in a heavy steel plate of the kind. So, Mr. Luff became satisfied that a number of transfers were made and cut down, as the transfers were in relief and cutting could be resorted to on them; and from evidence that Mr. Luff submitted at the time, his belief was fortified. However, he did not maintain that no changes were made on the plates; on the contrary, he says that minor alterations doubtlessly were made on the plates. To explain why it was advisable to curtail the outside ornamentation of the stamps, Mr. Luff said that he had concluded that the presses employed at the time could accommodate plates of no larger dimensions and that the crowding was necessary in order that the required number of stamps could be placed on the plate. The student who acquires these 1851 issues in blocks a task that by no means is easy, it goes without saying, has material for engrossing study. Strips, of course, are to be esteemed, although they may not be so prolific of varieties, as on the one-cent, Mr. Luff said that he had seen large blocks each stamp in a row of which was so like its fellows as to make untenable the claim that each impression in the plate was altered. From this, a point was made that the cutting was done on the transfer roll.

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Much To See—It is really remarkable to notice with what avidity our readers are studying their stamps for minor variations. Any opinion as to the unpopularity of minor varieties must be revised as not to include the stamps that are readily available for scrutiny, judging from present conditions. One beneficial effect of the close examination of stamps is the revelation to the keen-eyed of beauties or details of the obscurer parts of the design. For instance, Mrs. J. A. Bowen writes: "While studying the one-cent blue, 1861, for the trail of the arrow-like ornament discovered by Mr. F. E. Farnham and noted in a recent issue, I found on said stamps, a blue pearl or period, resting on a colorless crescent, situated above the period that follows 'S' of U. S. I have looked at my stamps many times but have never found this period until this week." Mrs. Bowen says further that with a little imagination, she can trace a head and bust like figure, verging into shadow form, in the shading in the upper left hand corner of the one-cent blue, 1870-71.

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Samples—Selected from our correspondence: "Why don't you mention Nicaragua." This is sarcasm, *a la* B. L. T. "A chap is in fine shape to look for Columbian varieties after a stamp meeting." A remark that is lost upon innocence. "How can I tell if the local is genuine?" Referred to readers. "What is a two-cent bank check, double perforation, worth?" Five cents, more or less. "Am I too young to go into the stamp business?" No age limit. "Tell me where there is a market for current ones and twos in quantity." When we locate it. "I wish your paper was published twice a week." Once is enough for us. "Is the new catalogue out?"!!!

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Up And At Them—There must be a good demand for magnifying glasses on the part of our readers who are searching so perseveringly for varieties in the Columbian issue not to mention others. During the week a number of letters have been received telling of discoveries and we shall attempt to give a summary of the variants that have been brought to our attention, in the succeeding number. The present hunt for the small varieties is being prosecuted with a vigor and enthusiasm that surely will leave nothing new for subsequent investigators, it is safe to say.

SUGGESTION FOR REGISTERED MAIL.

At a meeting of the Newark Stamp Club last week a resolution was adopted asking the Post Office Department to extend the use of the new blue registered stamp.

The United States rate for a registered letter is higher than any government in the Postal Union and the benefits are considerably less. The Postmaster General is asked to consider the suggestion of permitting mail intended for registration to be placed in a street letter box provided the registration stamp is affixed. The sender is then to receive a receipt from the local Post Office. This would be a convenience to suburban residents or for patrons mailing letters after 9 o'clock, the closing hour of the registry division.

"STAMPS HARD TO GET."

Catalog Value $2.00 and Under.

A correspondent suggests that an article dealing with hard-to-get stamps would be appreciated by our readers. We invite contributions to a symposium, suggesting that it be confined to stamps that catalog $2.00 and under. We shall hope to have a sufficient number of entries to make a worthy contribution to our columns.

Entry By J. Arthur Wainwright.

There are several stamps not high in price that I have been on the lookout for a long time but have not obtained them yet. I have not sent in "want lists" but have watched circuits and approval sheets and looked over one dealer's stock and have not found them.

The first lot is Bavaria Delivery Tax stamps, Nos. 107, 108, 110 and 112. How many others are in the same boat with me?

The next stamp I have looked in vain for is Bolivia No. 46, 100c brown rose, perforated 14½. I have seen a number of copies of the 13½ perforation but I want the 14½ perforation. This whole set comes in two perforations 14½ and 13½, and I believe that the 14½ perforations are the main colors and the 13½ the "a" colors and I want this 14½ stamp to complete my two sets. I have paid no attention to thick and thin paper in this set as I think when I find this missing stamp the paper question will be solved also.

The next stamp I looked a long time for was France No. 133, 10c red ground underfeet. The catalog price would indicate plenty but I have never seen but two and both of them are now in my collection, coming from two correspondents with whom I maintain exchange relations. I am told by a dealer friend that many collections lack this stamp and I know he has tried in many directions to get this stamp and has not been able to get it. I count myself fortunate in securing it.

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AERIAL POSTMARK.

By ARTHUR T. BROWNE,
Boston Philatelic Society No. 543.

Philatelists, or stamp collectors, as we are commonly called, are very much interested in the efforts of the government in attempting to establish aerial transportation of the mail. Several trials, all of which have been successful, have been held under the sanction of Postmaster General Hitchcock. As a result, letters and postal cards bearing "Aero" postmarks and cancellatons are being eagerly sought for.

During the Franco-Prussian War, long before biplanes and monoplanes were perfected, the balloon was used as an aerial vehicle for mail carrying. These "Balloon" cancellations are very scarce and bring fancy prices from philatelic specialists. A month or so ago, a thirty centimes brown stamp of France, 1863-70, on a balloon letter, cancelled "16 Janv. 71" was offered for sale by a Philadelphia Stamp firm. This letter was sent by the 58th. balloon "Steenackers" in charge of Vibert, which landed at Hynd, Netherlands, and was an interesting relic of the Franco-Prussian War.

In November, 1910, Postmaster-General Hitchcock formally approved arrangements for the transportation of a mail pouch by Aviator McCurdy from the Steamship "Kaiserin Auguste Victoria" to New York City. The attempt was unsuccessful, because of stormy weather.

The honor of establishing the first flying postal service belongs to Great Britain. On September 9, 1911, the service was inaugurated under the auspices of the British Post Office. The points of departure and arrival were respectively the Hendon Aerodrome and Windsor Castle, the distance being somewhat under twenty miles.

Four airmen, piloting two monoplanes and two biplanes, were engaged in the work. Upwards of 100,000 postal packets constituted the first delivery. King George, who is an ardent philatelist, was so interested in the service that he gave his permission to the aerial postmen to alight on the lawn of Windsor Castle.

The first of the aviators to reach Windsor Castle from Hendon made the trip in eighteen minutes. The success of the new service, however, was not promising. The three other aviators decided that the wind was too strong for them to make a flight, so the balance of the mail was laid aside to await more propitious weather on another day.

The postmark for this service was contained in a double circle and reads, within, "First United Kingdom Aerial Post, London" with the date in the center. At the left of the cards and letters was printed "A. D. Coronation 1911, First U. K. Aerial Post By Sanction of H. M. Postmaster General" in three lines. These cards and letters with the "Aerial" cancellations were in great demand with stamp collectors across the pond. A special post card with a picture of an aeroplane soaring over Windsor Castle was sold for 6½d. Envelopes, stamped, including a sheet of note paper, cost 1sh 1d. The profits of this first aerial post were given to charity.

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These arrangements resulted in the establishing of a special post office on the Aviation Field. Earle F. Ovington winner of the great Boston-Nashua-Worcester - Providence - Boston aerial contest held at the Squantum Aviation Field on Labor Day, was the aviator selected to carry the mail. A circular postmark, reading "Garden City Estates, N. Y." was brought into use. The letters and postal cards were cancelled with four wide black lines. On the cards and letters, at the left, also appeared the words "Aerial Special Despatch". Mails were carried from the special post office on the aviation field to an outlying post office in Brooklyn.

Not to be outdone by the New Yorkers, the promoters of an aerial meet at St. Louis, Mo., held early in October, arranged for a special post office on the field where mail was received for transportation by aeroplanes. This resulted in the second "Aero" postmark, which was as follows: "Aeroplane Station No. 1; St. Louis, Mo., Aviation Field". The postmark was circular in shape. The postal cards and letters were cancelled with four wide black lines as was done at the New York meet. At the St. Louis meet, aviator Walter Brookins, flying a Wright biplane, carried 6,000 pieces of mail from Kinloch Field to the Fairground Park. The distance, twelve miles, was the greatest that mail had ever been carried in an aeroplane in this country. The time was also the best ever made by an aeroplane carrying mail, and the flight was the first west of the Alleghany mountains in which mail was carried. The mail was carried in two regular mail sacks. It was first stamped with the special aeroplane postmark and then strapped to Brookins' biplane. President Lambert of the St. Louis Aero club was the first to reach Brookins when he alighted and he warmly congratulated the daring young aviator, telling him that he had established a world's record for distance in carrying the United States mail in an aeroplane.

Over 25,000 spectators watched the spectacular flight of Brookins and the demand for "Aero" postmarks was so great—so great that the next day, in order to accommodate those who were seeking them, the aerial mail service was restricted to the length of the field. Stations were established at each end of the field and Brookins made many trips. At one of these stations the mail was collected every forty-five minutes.

On October 8, at St. Louis, Aviator Hugh Robinson in a hydro-aeroplane, made a spectacular flight on the Mississippi River, starting from the water five times and alighting six times. He carried mail from Missouri into Illinois. This was an experimental trip and no special "Aero" postmarks have been seen that were used at the time.

On October 21, at Rochester, N. Y., aviator Lincoln Beachey, one of the most daring of all the birdmen, gave a demonstration of mail carrying in an aeroplane, thus contributing the third United States "Aero" postmark. This postmark was also circular in shape and was as follows: "Aerial Station No. 1; Rochester, N. Y." The letters and postal cards were cancelled with four wide black lines between which were the words, Crittenden Park Station. This service was in operation but one day and, quite naturally, the postmarks are more difficult to obtain.

At Fort Smith, Ark., November 6, Aviators Lincoln Beachey and Beckwith Havens in a hydro-aeroplane gave a daring exhibition of mail carrying on land and water. This service, also, was in use but one day. Incidentally, a new variety of postmark, much different from others previously used, resulted. The postal cards and letters were cancelled with six heavy horizontal lines. At the left of this cancellation, in five horizontal lines were the words: "Aeroplane Mail Service, League Park Station, Fort Smith, Ark., Nov. 6, 1911".

The fifth "Aero" postmark came from the sunny South. At Savannah, Ga., Aviator Beckwith Havens gave an exhibition on November 25. This postmark was also different from all others. It is circular in shape and reads: "Aerial Sub Station, Athletic Park, Savannah, Ga., Nov. 25." This service, also, was in use but one day.

Aerial Postmark No. 6 also comes from the South. On December 12, Havens gave an exhibition at Columbus, Ga. The postmark was circular in shape and reads "Aerial Sub Station, Columbus, Ga. Driving Park, Dec. 12, 1911." The letters and postal cards were cancelled with eight thin lines. For the first time, colored ink was used. The color was a vivid purple. This service, also was in use but one day.

The seventh "Aero" postmark, and the latest heard of, comes from the Golden West. At Los Angeles, aviator Glenn Martin carried mail from the Los Angeles Aviation Field to the nearest regular postoffice at Compton, a distance of about four miles. Martin was one of several aviators who participated in the International Aviation Meet which was held at the Dominguez Field, January 20 to 28. The postmark used was oval in shape and read "Los Angeles, Cal., Aviation Field." In the center of the postmark were the date and time. The letters and cards were cancelled with six wavy, black lines.

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CHRONICLE OF NEW ISSUES AND VARIETIES

Edited by HENRY A. KIDDER.

Any information regarding new issues will be gratefully received and acknowledged. Address HENRY A. KIDDER, 17 Addison St., Arlington, Mass. Letters calling for a reply should contain a self-addressed, stamped envelope. We cannot give applicants the addresses of our correspondents. Correspondence regarding precancelled stamps must be sent to FRANK B. ELDREDGE, Attleboro, Mass., when due credit will be given in this department.

UNITED STATES.—Forest A. Black sends us a used albino envelope,the 2c of 1907 on white, on paper watermarked 1903.

F. B. Eldredge reports the following new precancels:

South Whitley, Ind., 1c 1911, normal; type I.
Buffalo, N. Y., 3c 1911, normal; type IV.
Minneapolis, Minn , 4c 1911, normal; type VII.
Cincinnati, Ohio, 6c 1911, normal; type VI.
Chicago, Ill., 3c 1911, normal, double; type V.

H. Leonard reports plate numbers A 5720, 5723 and 5726 on the registry stamps.

Donald W. Martin, sends in a report of the stamps precancelled for Christmas use at the Saginaw, Mich., post office.

Type I, is two lines about 12 mm. apart, with Saginaw, Mich., between, in two lines, both in capital letters. Type II is the same except that the first letters of Saginaw and Mich., commence with capitals and the rest are in small letters.

The following stamps were precancelled: —

1902 issue, 3c, 6c, 8c, 13c, and 15c, all appear in types I and II, both normal and inverted.

1908-09 issue, Double line watermark, 1c, 2c, 3c, 4c, 5c, 6c,8c, 10c,13c and 15c all appear in types I and II, both normal and inverted.

1911 issue, single line watermark, 1c,2c, 3c, 4c, 5c, 6c, 8c, 10c and 15c all appear in types I and II, both normal and inverted.

Postage Due, 1911, single line watermark, 1c, 2c, 3c, 5c and 10c appear in both types, normal and inverted. These are scarce as Carriers complained of cancellation which made it difficult to determine the value, accordingly they discontinued precancelling.

1912 issue, Registration stamp, both types, normal and inverted.

Frank B. Eldredge sends us used specimens of the new 1c and 2c stamps, the only apparent differences being the addition of the figures of value on both stamps, and the placing of the portrait of Washington on the 1c. The 2c appears very little different from the previous issue.

Two unused Liberia free with trial approvals. P. HARWOOD, Burnet Ave., Cincinnati, O.[06

Foreign coins. 10 diff., 15c; 20 diff., 25c; 35 diff., 50c; 50 diff., 75c; 75 diff., $1.25; 100 diff., 1.75; in cabinet each coin listed, $2.00. Postage extra under $1.00. GLOBE SALES CO., Pontiac, Mich. [tf*

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BELGIUM.—The Brussells *Patriote* says that the new stamps, with portrait of King Albert are being issued from the printing office at Malines. The 10c had already been issued at the end of February, and this was to be followed by 1, 2 and 5c immediately, and the other values later. The King is shown on the values of 10c to 5fr. The 1, 2 and 5c values have the Belgian lion in a circle. The colors given by the *Patriote* are as follows: 1c orange; 2c brown; 5c green; 10c red; 20c reseda; 25c blue; 35c light brown; 40c green; 50c violet; 2fr yellow orange; 5fr Amaranth. The stamps of 40c and 5fr have not appeared in recent issues. The latter was issued for the use of the public as telegraph stamps, the regular telegraph stamps having been suppressed.

CANADA.—*Ewen's Weekly* notes the issue of the 50c value in the new King George set.

Adhesive.

50c black brown.

DENMARK.—Chester A. Gile shows us specimens of the current 20c stamp, which is now issued in a new shade, ultramarine instead of dark blue.

Adhesive.

20 ore ultramarine.

GUATEMALA.—*L'Echo* notes the issue of a new provisional the 6c Granados stamp of 1910 having been surcharged "1c 1911."

Provisional Adhesive.

1c on 6c bistre and black.

ICELAND.- W. T. Wilson and the New England Stamp Co. have shown us the remaining values of the Jon Sigurdsson set, the colors being as crude as those previously chronicled. The latest arrivals run from 5a to 5k, the design being the same for all values. The balance of the set was issued Feb.7,1912, those shown us by the New England Stamp Co. having been received direct from Iceland.

Adhesives.

5a green.
10a red.
20a blue.
50a red violet.
1k yellow.
2k rose.
5k brown.

INDIA.—Four more values are announced by the *London Philatelist*, with portrait of King George. The three lower values have been surcharged for official use.

Adhesives.

3p slate.
½a green.
2a 6p light blue (ultramarine?)
6a olive bistre.

Official Adhesives.

3p slate.
½a green.
1a carmine.

NETHERLANDS.—The Dutch Government, according to *Lemaire's Journal*, has listened to the argument of those who favor a strict observance of Sunday, and has issued a little label reading, "Niet Bestelleu-op Zendag." This is printed in red on yellow, gummed and perforated and sold for two centimes per 50. When affixed to letters the command "Not to be delivered on Sunday" becomes imperative.

PHILIPPINES.—Theodore Siddall submits the 20c yellow in single lined watermark. We quote from his letter: —

"Here is another one, the 20-centavo in jaundice yellow with the new watermark. You will notice, if you look, that it is on very white paper, and that is how I spotted it. Benzine is too hard to keep here for me to do much watermark detecting with it. When there is anything of the sort to do I use gasoline, which I have, anyway, for motorcycle use and buy by the gallon."

PORTUGAL.—*Lemaire's Journal* says the new set of stamps, with allegorical figure has at last been issued. The values are expressed in centimos and escudos, the value of one escudo being 1000 reis. The colors are given as follows: ¼c sepia; ½c black; 1c dark green; 1½c red brown; 2c red; 2½c violet; 5c blue; 7½c bistre; 8c dark violet; 10c brick red; 15c magenta; 30c lilac; 50c green; 1 escudo, yellow. This set has been overprinted Azores in red on the ½c and in black on the other values.

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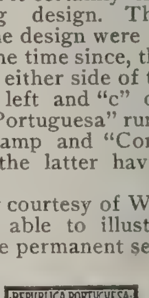
The New England Stamp Co. has shown us the new stamp as printed on a postcard, and it certainly is a handsome and striking design. The principal features of the design were shown in the WEEKLY some time since, the value being added on either side of the head, the figure on the left and "c" on the right. "Republica Portuguesa" runs across the top of the stamp and "Correio" across the bottom, the latter having a star at either end.

Later.—By courtesy of Whitfield King & Co. we are able to illustrate the new design for the permanent set.



SALVADOR.—Hermann Focke has shown us a new set of stamps, "having the pleasure," as he says, "of supplying the WEEKLY with news not yet out." The new set, which will soon be issued, consists of 10 values, all printed in two colors, on unwatermarked paper, and perf. 12. The design varies with every value, all except the 29c and 50c values being upright rectangles, the values named being horizontal oblong rectangles. Evidently the American Bank Note Co. produced the series, which is certainly much handsomer than anything recently seen in Salvador. Each value is treated in a different way, both as to centre and frame. The inscriptions read "Correos El Salvador" at the top, with the value in words at the bottom.

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5c scarlet and black; Francisco Morazan.
6c blue green and black; Rafael Campo.
12c olive and black; Trinidad Cabanas.
17c violet and black; Monument to Barrios.
19c red and gray black; Monument to Independence.
29c orange and black; National Palace.
50c ultramarine and black; Rosales Hospital.
1 colon black and grayish black; Arms of the Republic.

We have also been shown the above set by the Home Stamp Co.

SERVIA.—*Lemaire's Journal* says that the quantities printed of the newspaper stamps, recently chronicled, were 12,000 series from 1 to 25 pa and 4500 series from 30pa to 5di. The cliches were destroyed after the above were printed.

TRIPOLI.—The *Gazzetta dei Filatelisti* says that the Italian stamps bearing the surcharge, "Tripoli di Barberia" have been suppressed. The new province annexed to Italy will bear the name of "Libia."

THE POSTAL CARD.

By MAITLAND MILLIKEN.

There are no doubt many philatelists who perhaps have never heard of, or participated in a very important but much neglected branch of philately, i. e., postal card collecting.

The first postal card that was ever issued by any government appeared on October 1st, 1869, when the monarchy of Austria had the honor of issuing the 2 kreuzer, yellow on a buff card, then other countries almost immediately followed suit, to which our illustrious republic responded with one in 1873, since which she has produced about thirty different varieties.

There is said to be a little over 4,000 varieties of postal cards which itself affords quite a large, yet inexpensive field. These are listed in separate catalogues by Scott, Bright, Senf, et al.

The advantage of the postal card is its low face value, which fact alone prevents many governments from issuing speculative and unnecessary ones for revenue purposes.

The postal card itself is made of fine texture and a great many of them are handsomely issued and of uniform sizes. The stamps are generally of the same design as the then current postage adhesives. There are single and double or reply postal cards. As shown thereon they give details of the characteristics of the issuing country.

Many of the postal cards are now obtainable as the prices are very low. The rarest is said to be worth $75. A small sum expended in these postal cards will soon bring forth a beautiful collection and you will be surprised and pleased at the easy results of this delightful branch of philately.

The letter card follows the postal card, hand in hand and are very twin-like, indeed.

The postal card is proudly represented by that staid old society, the Postal Card Society of America, founded in 1891 and which has since weathered all these years. Very few philatelic societies can boast of such a grand record as this. In its early days, Messrs. Lohmeyer, Stone, Deats, Bogert and Doeblin were among its active supporters and no doubt many of the prominent lights in philately of today are members of this worthy society.

If any collectors desire an excellent side-line to stamp collecting, they cannot make a mistake in taking up the collecting of postal and letter cards. They will soon find it very interesting and highly instructive.

CANADA'S STAMPS LIKED IN ENGLAND.

Score another triumph for Canada. The new Canadian postage stamps are meeting with decided approval in England, and at the same time the new British stamps are receiving some hard knocks. Here is what the *London Daily Mail* says:

"The new issue of Canadian one-cent stamps, with King George's head, is as beautiful, well-designed, and clearly printed as the first issue of English Georgian stamps is unsatisfactory. In the place of the awkwardly truncated head on the English stamp, the Canadian issue shows a bust portrait of the King in Admiral's uniform, beautifully engraved, with a light profile against a dark background. The shading is exquisitely delicate, and gives full plastic roundness to the head. The oval in which the portrait is enclosed is framed by a border of maple leaves, and the inscription "Canada Postage," in white letters on a dark ground. A crown is placed in each of the top corners, and the figure 1, dark on white ground, in the two bottom corners. Instead of the watery-faded color of our one-half pence stamps, a deep rich green is used, which shows up the sharply engraved lettering. If it is possible to improve upon the design by greater simplicity, the technical execution is beyond reproach."

The English Georgian stamp has been a great disappointment to the British public, with whom it is a sore point. They quite naturally resent the fact that a King who has been a collector himself since boyhood, and who is a known authority on stamps, and has one of the finest collections in the world, should have had so poor a one in his own kingdom. But then, in this respect, Canada's King Edward stamp was as far ahead of the English one, both as to likeness and art, as the King George would seem to be.—Clipping from *Ottawa Journal.*

AERIAL POSTMARKS.

(Continued from page 81.)

At the left of the letters, in purple, was printed "This piece of mail was carried by Aeroplane from Aviation Field Postal Station to nearest regular post-office at Compton, California." There were three distinct cancellations used at this meet. Type 1 consisted of the above described postmark and the words "Aviation Field" printed in between the wavy lines of the cancellation. Type 2 was the postmark and the wavy lines cancellation with no words printed between. In Type 3, the postmark was circular and larger than the others. The postmark was printed differently than the other types reading: "Aeroplane Station, Los Angeles, Cal.," with the date and time in the center. The cancellation consisted of four wide horizontal lines. The second and third lines were broken, and in the break was printed "Dominguez Field."

Soon after the close of the Los Angeles meet, another meet was held at Oakland, Cal., and its postmark was noted in this paper only last week.

The philatelic novelty seeker should be very much interested in the latest in post cards, the "Carte-Aerienne" which comes from France. Collectors of post cards may now add to their albums cards dropped from the clouds by such of their friends as effect the flying machine. The French cards bear a printed request that the finder of the card be so kind as to take it to the nearest postoffice, whence it will be forwarded to its destination. A space is reserved for the mention of the altitude at which the message left the sender's hands and the situation, approximately, of the aeroplane at the time of the sending. A photograph of the flying machine appears on the other side of the card. Some time ago, the suggestion was made to the Minister of Posts and Telegraphs that a special stamp be issued for these aerial cards, but it is not reported that the suggestion has been met favorably.

An "Aviation" stamp is sure to come in this country. At the Los Angeles meet, they nearly got it. A few weeks before the meet a strenuous effort was made by Dick Ferris, Director General of the meet, to have a specially designed stamp issued for the meet. As it would take six weeks to make them, the idea was not successful nor was the idea of surcharging the ordinary special delivery stamp with the words "Aeroplane Delivery" accepted by the government.

There is to be another meet at the Squantum Aviation Field in June. Postmaster General Hitchcock says it takes six weeks to make a special stamp. March, April, May—three months, twelve weeks—I wonder if a little effort on the part of the Boston Philatelic Society would result in the first aviation stamp being used at the Squantum meet?

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SECRETARY'S REPORT.

New member: 217, Milliken, Maitland, 1000 E. 16th Ave., Denver, Colorado.

Application for membership: Vowter, (no other name given,) Arkansas City, Kan., telegrapher, age 18. References, Curtis F. Asur and Phil Fitsgerald, both of the same city. Proposed by S. M. Edwards.

Received dues from 204, 50c; from applicants, 50c; from sale of bulletins, 50c; total, $1.50, which, with receipts from the previous month, has been forwarded to the treasurer of the society.

The secretary has in his hands a few more of the "Monthly Bulletins of The Postal Card Society of America," published monthly by the society from March, 1894, till June, 1899, excepting the few last months. This journal contains articles on the hobby and much other interesting matter relating thereto, much that all of us like to know. Fifty-seven numbers were issued. No set on hand contains more than 43 numbers, some being exhausted. These sets are for sale.

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INTERESTING RARE STAMPS.

British Guiana, 1851, 2c Black on Rose.

(Concluded from last week.)

Although this rare 2c "circular" was issued in 1851 its existence was not known in Europe until 1877. In that year a Mr. Kirton found a specimen and sent it to the late Mr. T. Ridpath, of Liverpool, who sold it to Herr Phillip von Ferrary. In the following year Mr. Ridpath obtained another and better specimen which he exchanged for the one in the Ferrary collection. The first copy he re-sold to Messrs. Pemberton, Wilson & Co., who found a customer for it in Captain J. B. Cameron at the modest price of $125.

A few years later the same firm purchased the whole of Capt. Cameron's collection. and the 2c British Guiana then passed to Mr. J. Botteley for $150. In 1887 the Botteley collection was acquired by Mr. Giwelb who sold the 2c to the late Mr. Douglas Garth for $375. In 1893 Mr. Garth exchanged the stamp with Mr. W. W. Blest for some rare Europeans and two years later it went into the famous collection formed by the late Sir W. B. Avery. There it stayed until the collection was acquired by Mr. Peckitt and who is its fortunate possessor at present I cannot say. This particular specimen is cut round and bears the initials "J. B. S" (James Belton Smith)—one of the Post-office clerks.

Early in 1878, Messrs. Alfred Smith & Son, of Bath, obtained a copy of this rare stamp from Mr. N. R. McKinnon, of British Guiana, who already had the variety represented in his own collection. This copy was sold to the late Judge Philbrick for $100. When the Philbrick collection was sold in 1882 this stamp passed to the brothers Caillebotte, two famous French collectors. These gentlemen sold their collection in 1887 to Pemberton, Wilson & Co., owing to the fact that one of them married and the other considered the task of carrying on the collection too much for one. The 2c British Guiana was sold in the following year to Mr. F. de Coppet for $350. Six years later the Coppet collection came under the hammer in New York and the famous 2c Guiana sold for $1,010, the puchaser being Mr. F. W. Hunter.

In January, 1900, Mr. Hunter's collection was also sold at auction in New York and the 2c fell to Mr. Peckitt at the price of $1710. Who it passed to next I have been unable to discover. This specimen is also cut round and bears the initials "J. B. S".

Later in 1878, Mr. McKinnon found another copy of the 2c which he sent to Alfred Smith & Co. This was sold to Mr. W. E. Image for $100. Four years later the Image collection was purchased by the late Mr. T. K. Tapling, who left his entire collection to the British nation. This rarity is therefore shown at the British Museum with various other philatelic treasures. The specimen is cut round and initialled "J. B. S".

Sometime in 1878 Mr. McKinnon tired of stamps and sent his collection to Mr. Wylie Hill, of Glasgow, for disposal. The lot was sold to Mr. T. Ridpath of Liverpool for $600 and among the stamps was a 2c circular. This was the second copy handled by Mr. Ridpath and, as stated above, he exchanged it with Herr Ferrary for the specimen previously sold him. This copy is cut round and initialled "J. B. S".

From 1878 until 1889 no more of these stamps were discovered but in the latter year Mr. E. C. Luard, who had hunted in all sorts of likely and unlikely places in British Guiana for copies of the early stamps startled collectors by announcing that he had found a *pair* of the rare 2c. This pair was attached to a letter sheet postmarked "Demerara, Oct. 24, 1851". In 1890 Mr. Luard exhibited his Guianas at the London Philatelic Exhibition and received the award of a silver medal. Shortly afterwards he sold out to Pemberton, Wilson & Co. and that firm sold the pair of 2c to Herr von Ferrary, for about $875. The upper stamp of the pair is badly damaged, both are of the same type, and bear the same initials—"J. B. S"—as the copies previousy found.

In April, 1896, another pair was discovered by an old lady, who refused to sell it but handed it to the Rector of Christ Church, Georgetown, as an "Easter Offering". The reverend gentleman offered them for sale by auction and Mr. Luard bought them for $1005. Some time later Mr. Luard sold them to Messrs. Stanley Gibbons, Ltd., for $3000 and that firm passed them on to Mr. Henry J. Duveen, in whose notable collection they form one of the choicest items. The pair is on a letter sheet dated "Demerara, Aug. 5, 1861", and it is in much finer condition than the one found earlier. Both stamps are of the same type but they differ in type from all other known copies and also bear the initials "ET. E. D"—those of Mr. E. T. E. Dalton, the then Colonial Postmaster. The pair is cut round top and bottom, but both stamps are perfect and lighty cancelled.

In the summer of 1897 Mr. Luard discovered a third pair of 2c which he sold to Messrs. Stanley Gibbons for $3250. The pair was purchased by Mr. Carl Willadt, of Pforzheim, Germany, who later sold it to Mr. P. Kosack, of Berlin. It was next acquired by Baron Otto van Transeke-Rosoneck, a well known Russian collector. Owing to failing eyesight the Baron had to relinquish philately and his entire collection was sold to Mr. Paul Kohl. In 1900 the pair again reached the house of Gibbons and what became of it after, I do not know. This pair is on a letter sheet postmarked "Demerara, No. 25, 1861", and it has larger margins than the others. Though it is of the same type as the single copies already described, it differs from them and from Mr. Duveen's pair in being initialled "E. D. W."—E. D. Wright, one of the Post-office clerks.

All ten of these stamps known are used and as will be seen by the above history they have not passed through many hands. Should a fine copy come on the market now it would probably realise not less than $2500.

SHORT REPLIES.

E. H. B. (Allentown, Pa.).—The "e" of "Céntimos" is accented on the Costa Rican stamps because that is the correct way of spelling the word in Spanish. (2) Unless you find the shaded and unshaded date on the same value the fact of there being any difference is of no importance.

W. N. D. (St. Mary's, Pa.).—The 1908-09 stamps of the United States were not issued on unwatermarked paper. They were at first issued with the double-lined "U. S. P. S." watermark (introduced in 1895) and in December, 1910, a new type of watermark with single line letters came into use. All values except the 13c, 50c and $1 are known with this latter type of watermark. (2) Are you sure you have measured the grille correctly and that it is genuine?

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THE REACTION OF ACIDS ON THE COLORS OF STAMPS.—*From the Swedish.*

By L. Harald Kjellstedt, F. R. P. S.

Mr. Gösta Sahlin of the Swedish Philatelic Society, has recently conducted a series of experiments along the line indicated and the interesting results were published in the January issue of *Svensk Filatelistisk Tidskrift.* The author points out that a considerable part of the stamp forgers' industry is based on the action of chemical reagents on the colors of postage stamps. It is comparatively easy to change violet into gray and orange into yellow, etc. In order to show the action of certain acids on colors, the author treated a number of Swedish stamps with nitric and sulphuric acids. It is not easy to give a definite statement of the action of acids on the colors of different stamps because it was shown that even stamps of the same issue underwent very differing changes. It happened, for instance, that 50 öre grey official of the old type did not change color after being treated with acids until it had been exposed to the daylight for some time. We all know that dampness will have its influence on stamp colors. The 25ö orange of the issue 1897-1903 will change to pale yellow if kept in a damp place for a few months. The same result will obtain if the stamp is treated with hydrochloric acid.

A number of colors vary in artificial light. A green stamp will always look more or less blue. According to post officials, the new 15 and 30ö official stamps look exactly alike by artificial light. Of the ordinary stamps, the new 10, 15 and 30ö values are difficult to see apart.

For the first attempt to study the resistance of the different colors, hydrochloric acid (HCL) was used. The green color offered the least resistance. Stamps of this color, of the issues of 1858, 1872, 1886, 1891 and 1911 and the official stamp of 1893, all became a beautiful bright blue in less than a minute's time.

Orange was a very uneven color. Thus the 25ö of 1897 turned a pale yellow while the 2ö official stamp of 1891 changed into a dull red yellow. The least resistance had the new 2ö of 1910. The color disappeared entirely. The purely yellow color was more stable. It was only very slightly bleached by the acid. The carmine became so dissolved that the color formed regular layers on the paper. The red color was not affected. The carmine color of least resistance was that of the official stamp of 1893.

Brown and grey are strong colors on which the acid has little influence, but the absolutely most constant was the blue. Five 12ö stamps of 1877 and five 20ö official stamps of 1891 were left for *fifteen* days in concentrated 94% hydrochloric acid. It had not the slightest influence on the color or the cancellation, but the paper was entirely corroded. When the container was moved the stamps fell apart from the slight shaking.

The violet color changed to grey, but to a rather dirty grey shade. This is well to know, because the 6ö of 1872, perf. 14, is easily changed. But there is a protection against forgery. A forged stamp does not show the pure, clear grey color, but a dirty greyish shade. Besides this, a stamp treated with acid will sink immediately if placed in water, while a stamp not treated thus will first float and then sink gradually. The reason a stamp sinks immediately is that the gum on the back of the paper has been removed by the acid.

Besides these experiments a number of stamps were treated with sulphuric acid ($H_2O\,SO_3$) as well as nitric acid ($H\,O\,NO_2$). In order to observe the action of the two acids, stamps of the same issue were placed in both and permitted to remain 1 or 2 minutes. The results were:

In Nitric Acid.	**In Sulphuric Acid.**
12o blue, 1858, unchanged.	Instantly greenish blue. After drying it had a bleached blue green shade.
5o, 1886, turned blue.	The color was only somewhat corroded.
12o, 1877, unchanged.	The coloring nearly disappeared.
5o green, 1891, changed to a pretty dark blue in 10 seconds.	The color partly disappeared.
10o carmine, changed to brick red.	The color disappeared.
20o blue, unchanged.	The color became dark green at first but became slate blue after removing from the bath.
25o orange, changed to brown from brown yellow.	Same effect.
50o grey became grey green.	The stamps first changed to brown but after removing to pale green.
1 krona carmine showed a brick red color.	The color disappeared to a great extent.
ISSUE	1910.
1o black was not affected in the least.	The same result.
2o orange. The color disappeared entirely.	The orange first became brown yellow, but when the acid had been rinsed off it showed a greenish blue tone.
4o violet became pale red.	The color at first changed to brown violet but after washing to pale red.
5o green had the color eaten into by the acid, but after removing it changed to dark blue.	The color became brown. After immersion in water this color immediately changed to pale green.
10o carmine turned to pale red.	The stamp at first became blood red and afterwards a rusty yellow.
25o became a dirty yellow.	Turned to brown.
35o. The color became bright red in 5 seconds and after 30 seconds brick red, which after washing turned to pale brown.	The stamp became instantly dark green and after immersion in water the color became the most beautiful blood red, which separated from the paper and formed layers. After a couple of hours the stamp became a light bluish brown.
OLD OFFICIAL	STAMPS.
2o orange. The color disappeared entirely and the paper became transparent.	The color at first turned to yellow brown and the paper became transparent. When the stamp was removed the orange color returned but changed to yellow after drying.
4o black was unchanged.	The color first became brown black and then disappeared.
5o green turned blue.	Brownish green and afterwards bleached green.
10o carmine turned to brick red, and after removing to reddish yellow.	First turned red brown and formed layers on the paper. After removing the color became reddish yellow.
20o blue was unchanged.	Dark green afterwards brown and after washing greenish blue.
30o brown. The paper became transparent, the color bleached and remained light brown after washing.	The color unchanged.
50o grey. The color was only slightly eaten into.	The color became dark brown and afterwards greenish grey. After 14 days the stamp had resumed its original color.
1 krona brown, color unchanged.	The blue as well as the brown colors turned dark brown at first. After washing both became greenish brown.
THE NEW OFFICIAL	STAMPS.
5o turned greenish blue.	First greenish brown then blue green.
10o remained unchanged.	First blood red with color dissolved, afterwards pale red.

From these results it is seen that hydrochloric acid and nitric acid in many cases have the same effects on the stamp colors. The sulphuric acid is shown to be the strongest and most destructive.

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CAYMAN ISLANDS STAMPED STATIONERY.

By HARRY E. HUBER.

In the April 1st, 1908, number of *The Caymanian,* which was edited locally and printed at Kingston, Jamaica, for two years, when it discontinued publication on account of the "apathetic attitude displayed locally", there appeared :—

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The service comes into force on Tuesday, March 31st, next.

GEORGE S. S. HIRST,
Commissioner.

February 18, 1908.

The territory served by this inland post was subsequently extended to include Little Cayman, by the issuance of :—

POST OFFICE NOTICE No. 19.

In continuation of Notice No. 13 of February 18th, 1908:

Notice is hereby given that Little Cayman is included in area of "Local Post" and the rates hitherto applying to other areas will now apply to Little Cayman.

By Order,
W. G. McCAUSLAND,
Postmaster.

February 5, 1909.

From the above it will be seen that the new rates were to go into effect on March 31st, 1908. However, as no ¼d stamps were available until June 30th, 1908, it is thought rather probable that this ¼d postage rate was withheld being made effective until that date, for it is not known that any provisional means were employed during the interim to denote that postage was paid over the counter.

Post Card, ¼d.—At approximately the same time the ¼d stamp was issued, the first piece of stamped postal stationery appeared for the Islands, viz., ¼d post card, for inland postage. Notice of the issuance of this post card seemed to be rather tardy in reaching the philatelic world for it was not until September it was announced as having been seen in the mails from the Cayman Islands. But in view of the following Government Notice it is thought likely that it made its appearance at the same time as or very shortly after, the issuance of the ¼d adhesive.

GOVERNMENT NOTICE No. 27.

George Town Post Office,
Grand Cayman, B. W. I.

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By Order,
G. A. PARSONS,
Postmistress.

July 10, 1908.

When the ¼d post card was first issued it, like the adhesive, was intended to be used for inter-Island use only, but later was allowed to be used for postage abroad by the additon of sufficient stamps to make up the required postage.

The stamp is in the upper right-hand corner of the card, the design being simply the oval from the ¼d adhesive, with the four triangular ornaments transforming it into a rectangular stamp omitted. To the left of the stamp appears the heading in three lines. The top line contains the words "POST CARD", separated by the Royal Arms; second line, "CAYMAN ISLANDS", and the third line, in small sans-serif capitals, consists of "The address only to be written on this side." All the printing is in chestnut brown on light buff.

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NOTICE No. 37.

Newspaper wrappers bearing an impressed halfpenny stamp, available for postage within or without the Dependency, are now on sale at the following places:

Post Office, George Town.
Post Office, Cayman Brac.
Post Office, Bodden Town.
P. C. Watler, East End.
P. C. Lambert Foster, The Creek, Cayman Brac.

At the price of 20, for 1sh, or ¾d each.

GEORGE S. S. HIRST,
Commissioner.

June 23, 1909.

The design resembles the ¼d adhesive, but instead of the chrysanthemum appearing in the triangular ornaments, a fleur-de-lis now appears. A small star has been introduced on either side of the inscription, which has been changed from "CAYMAN ISLANDS POSTAGE" to "CAYMAN ISLANDS." Then, too, a small spray of three leaves, pointing downward, has been added to the foliage on either side of the Crown at the top. The numeral of value is, of course, changed, and "½d" in color, outlined in white, appears on a horizontally lined background.

The wrapper measures 330x121 mm., when fully extended, and the stamp together with the following information is printed in blue-green on manila paper.

"This Wrapper may only be used for Newspapers or for such documents as are allowed to be sent at the Book-rate of postage, and must not enclose any letter or communication of the nature of a letter (whether separate or otherwise). If this rule be infringed, the packet will be charged as a letter."

Envelope & Post Card, 1d.—On December 28th, 1909, there were placed on sale two more pieces of stationery,—an envelope and post card, both of the value of 1d, and being carmine in color.

NOTICE No. 6.

There are now on sale at the Post Offices of the Dependency envelopes stamped 1d at 1¼d each, or 1sh 1½d a dozen, and 1d post cards at 1¼d each, or 1sh 1½d a dozen.

GEORGE S. S. HIRST,
Commissioner.

January 4, 1910.

The envelope measures 121x94 mm., and is of thin gray-blue paper. The stamp impressed thereon is of the same design as the ½d wrapper, with the exception of change in value.

The post card, being for International use, comes in a larger size than the ¼d card, being 140x89 mm. The heading to the left of the stamp now consists of four lines. "UNION POSTALE UNIVERSELLE", followed by "CAYMAN ISLANDS (ILES CAYMAN)" on the second. On the third line appears "POST (The Royal Arms) CARD", and the lower line the same instructions regarding address as contained on the ¼d card.

Envelope, 2½d.—And now comes a 2½d stamped envelope, for foreign postage, which was issued in November, 1911. The envelope, which measures 165x94 mm., is of thin gray-blue paper, and the stamp impressed thereon is ultramarine in color.

POST OFFICE NOTICE No. 8.

The following Postal Stationery has this day been put on sale:

Envelopes stamped 2½d, price 2¾d each, or 2sh 7½d a dozen.

By Order,
A. BODDEN,
Postmaster.

Nov. 13, 1911.

The stamp while similar to that employed for the 1d stationery, contains a very important change. The inscription is changed to read "CAYMAN ISLANDS POSTAGE" in very thin letters set close together, so that the three words are now contained in the space formerly occupied by "CAYMAN ISLANDS". A small ornament differing somewhat from that on the 1d stationery appears before and after the inscription. The numeral of value is in color, outlined in white, and as before on a horizontally lined background.

It is interesting to note that for all postal stationery, with the exception of the ¼d post card, the Postal Authorities charge ¼d in excess of the face value of the stamp impressed thereon, but this charge is somewhat reduced when bought in quantity. The ¼d post card is sold at face value.

SUMMARY.

Post Cards.

¼d chestnut brown (buff). 6-30-1908.
Size 121x75 mm.
¼d dark brown (buff). 12-28-1909.
Size 115x89 mm.
1d carmine (buff). 12-28-1909.
Size 140x89 mm.

Wrapper.

½d blue-green (manila). 6-1909.
Size 330x121 mm.

Envelopes.

1d carmine (gray blue). 12-28-1909.
Size 121x94 mm.
2½d ultramarine (gray blue). 11-1911.
Size 165x94 mm.

Registration labels have been introduced into the Islands within the past year. They are of the familiar British Colonial pattern, measuring 40 x 16 mm., and containing a large "R" to the left. Two sets of these labels are in use; one inscribed "GRAND CAYMAN" and the other "CAYMAN BRAC". Through an error the first book for Cayman Brac was used at George Town, Grand Cayman, "BRAC" being stroked out and "Grand" added in manuscript above "CAYMAN".

In the early part of 1911, the stock of 2½d stamps at the George Town Post Office began to run low, and as it was expected that the George V keyplate would soon be ready for the press, a requisition was accordingly sent through for a supply of 2½d stamps in the new design. However, by the first of May not only had the 2½d been exhausted, but also the ½d and 1d as well. Still expecting that the new keyplate would be ready in a short time, the Islands authorities requisitioned supplies of the ½d and 1d in the new design, planning to keep the Offices running with ¼d stamps, of which there was a large stock on hand and more ordered. Further delays occurring in London made it impossible for the new stamps to be supplied until after the first of the year, and as matters were becoming very critical in the Islands a further printing of the 1d and 2½d stamps from the Edward VII Postage & Revenue keyplate was ordered. Last advices were to the effect that no ½d stamps were to be had. This shortage of lower denomination stamps, however, affected only the Island of Grand Cayman, the Post Office at Stakes Bay, Cayman Brac, not serving so many people, was well supplied with stamps of the denominations in question.

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"EMORY, VA." CONFEDERATE LOCAL.

By S. E. Young, M. D.

For several years I have been very deeply interested in the above rather obscure and uncataloged stamp and have often wondered why some of these found their right place in the pages of the Standard Catalog, while others, with just as good right to be placed there were year after year ignored and left to either pass into oblivion or occupy a place far beneath their genuine worth in the albums of the few who have been fortunate enough to obtain one of them.

Why should Marion, Va., Lenoir, N. C., and other like towns have their "Locals" accepted by the Cataloger, any more than Emory, Va. when the proof of the genuineness of the Emory is not lacking?

'Tis true that the catalog gives Emory credit for one variety, but studiously avoids the other and most important one.

The little sticker torn from the blank edge of the U. S. stamps then in use but no longer available for postage, with its "PAID" and 5 in circle is in the catalog all right but why not the regular rectangular "PAID 5 EMORY"?

I have the sworn statement of the Postmaster at Emory, Va., during the whole period of the war, and herewith send you a copy of same. If further proof is needed to establish the fact that Mr. Fowler was Postmaster and wrote this certificate I can certainly give it straight from living witnesses.

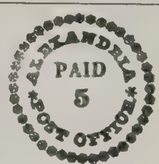
He says that something like 1,000 of the square stamps were printed by him and perhaps more than half of these were sold and used in the regular way to pay postage, and that as late as in the 70's he burned the remainder because the gum on them had caused them to curl.

Now if Mr. Fowler engraved this stamp on the end of a poplar stick, printed stamps from his improvised die and sold the stamps for use on mail matter sent out at that time, why should this stamp not have a place in the catalog same as other stamps that are there?

I claim that they not only belong in the catalog, but on account of the very few that can now be found, should bring a price equally as high as others of like character.

During the few years that I have been interested in the above Local I have found four copies of the "PAID" with 5 in circle, and only three of the square "PAID 5 Emory" two of the latter being on the cover, and the other one is one mentioned by Mr. Fowler as being on the Postage receipt of the Lynchburg paper.

With this letter and copy of Mr. Fowler's certificate I am sending you my copy of the stamp in question for your inspection.



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MONTCLAIR, N. J., CHRISTMAS PRE-CANCELS.

By Franklin S. Smith.

In answering the inquiry of K. Baumann in the Feb. 24th issue of Mekeel's would say, that being a resident of Montclair, and a collector of precancels I kept in touch with the post-office there, and can give the following information.

The denominations from 1c to 15c were printed locally from a plate cancelling fifty stamps. The pane of 100 was separated vertically, leaving half-panes five stamps wide, and ten stamps high, and the original design was the circle 19 mm. in diameter, 1 mm. thick with the name in Celtic type conforming to the shape of the circle, a four pointed star half way between the M and N, and the R and J, and a short bar 8½x1½ mm. at the middle of the circle. Finding that *two* bars were necessary according to the regulations, a second short bar was added below the printed bar with a rubber stamp, 7x2½ mm. to the 10c and 15c only. It was then discovered that these were not properly cancelled, so all the stamps were printed a second time with long bars extending all across the five stamps, and tangent to the circle, hence 20 mm. apart.

In the post-office, these half panes were cut into horizontal strips of five with a heavy knife pivoted at one end, such as is used for trimming photographs and hence most all the stamps have straight edges and imperfectly divided perforations.

December 22nd the supply of 15c stamps gave out, and more were cancelled with a small rubber stamp and black cancelling ink. This consisted of the name of the city in square type, with heavy bars above and below. The Postmaster and the clerks cannot say which, nor how many of the denominations were cancelled in this manner. It would be well for all collectors having rubber-stamped cancellations to report them at once, so they can be included in the catalogue which Mr. F. L. Smith at 27 William St., N. Y. City, is preparing.

There are no inverts, doubles, nor freaks among these cancellations, either printed or rubber-stamped, and none of the stamps with circles only and lacking the bars got out.

WHAT ARE THEY WORTH?

A valued correspondent, W. I. Engle, asks us to name the market values of the postal savings bank stamps. He is interested in both watermarks and any reader who can size the matter up will perform a service for a large number of collectors who are interested in these stamps. Please forward replies as early as convenient to this office.

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5 " " "	5c "
5 " " "	10c "

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MR. GARDNER'S DEATH.

Appreciate Words From the Pen of Mr. C. J. Philiips.

With the greatest regret I have to report the death of an old friend, who was the finest philatelist in San Francisco. Mr. Gardner died quite suddenly on January 1st. It is only a few weeks ago that I had a long and interesting letter from him on the subject of new varieties that he had discovered in Japanese stamps.

I had known him personally for over fifteen years, and I have met but few better informed men in American stamp circles. Mr. Gardner was best known as one of the greatest specialists in the stamps of Japan. Some two years ago we sold him the marvellous collection formed by the late Mr. Moser, and he then combined this with his own great collection. He was always a great stickler for "condition" and his various collections were a pleasure to see. He will be greatly missed by philatelists in San Francisco.—*Gibbons' Monthly Journal.*

ALL NIGERIA ONE PROVINCE.

From the *Daily Mail* we learn that:—"The King has approved the appointment of Sir Walter Egerton, Governor of Southern Nigeria, to be Governor of British Guiana in succession to Sir Frederic Hodgson, retired.

Advantage will be taken of this opportunity for giving effect to the policy for amalgamating the Governments of Southern and Northern Nigeria. It is intended that Sir Frederic Lugard, Governor of Hong Kong, shall be Governor of both Southern and Northern Nigeria."

Ewen's Weekly Stamp News comments on this as follows:—"Does this mean that the separate stamps of 'Southern' and 'Northern' Nigeria will be withdrawn and that a new 'all Nigeria' issue will take their place? There have been a good many changes already in this part of the world; in quite recent times, the Oil Rivers and Niger Coast Protectorates and Lagos have ceased to be (in name)."
—*S. C. Fortnightly.*

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EDITORIAL.

Question of Future—From two sources timely data on the recommendation of Postmaster-General Hitchcock that the government purchase the telegraph companies and operate them in conjunction with the postoffice department have been gratefully received. The following are the words of the congressional enactment of June 23, 1874, providing authority for the purchase of the telegraph lines: "The United States may, for postal, military or other purposes, purchase all the telegraph lines, property and effects of any or all companies acting under the provisions of the act of July 24, 1866, entitled 'An act to aid in the construction of telegraph lines and secure to the Government the use of the same for postal, military or other purposes,' or under this title, at an appraised value, to be ascertained by five competent and disinterested persons, two of whom shall be selected by the Postmaster General of the United States, two by the company interested and one by the four so previously selected." Pursuant to the authority vested in him by this act, the postmaster-general has announced the following decision: "The rates for the transmission of Government communications by the Alaska Wireless Telegraph Company during the remainder of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1912, are fixed at fifteen cents per word, no charges being made for the dates and the names of places from which messages are sent."

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Markings—Mr. Arthur E. Hobbs, North Attleboro, Mass., writes: "I was looking through a lot of letters to find the two-cent Columbian varieties, when I found the enclosed postal card mailed from Old Orchard, Maine, August 4, 1882, to my father in Salem, Mass. Besides the Old Orchard postmark, there was one other like the cut but with no Salem mark. Will any reader of the WEEKLY explain the use of this 'Carrier' mark? It is entirely new to me." This postmark, "Carrier, Aug. 5, 8 A. M." signified nothing more than delivery by letter-carrier in the city to which it was addressed. The impression was used in the seventies as a back-stamp, and for some years after. The "carrier" postmark usually was in colored ink and in consequence, conspicuous. Two additions are to be made to the list of unusual cancellations, Indianapolis, Ind., "U. S. A.," and "Free" on the two-cent claret, 1882. The Roman numerals III on the three-cent green, 1871, is out of the ordinary but the "3" is common, comparatively speaking, in all the issues, from 1851 to 1870, inclusive.

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Two in One—Several of the English newspapers told some weeks ago of the appointment of Sir Walter Egerton, Governor of Southern Nigeria to the berth of Governor of British Guiana; and later, it was announced that Sir Frederic Lugard, had succeeded to the governorship of the Nigerias, both North and South. Naturally, the stamp papers are now enquiring if the two countries will be amalgamated for administrative purposes. It may be said safely that one of the districts, so to say, will cease to exist, as Oil Rivers, Lagos and Niger Coast Protectorates have done, as national entities. Further, judging from a letter from the colonial office, London, that has been shown us, the merger will be made with the effect that there will be a radical change in the postage stamps; and it would seem advisable to attend to obtaining the present stamps with as little delay as possible.

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Mixed—There seems to be some hitch in connection with the distribution of the new one penny red pictorial stamp of St. Helena. A contemporary says that the postmaster at St. Helena refuses to furnish the stamps "because printed in the wrong colour," a conclusion that palpably is incorrect as the stamp, all red or rose, is in the color prescribed by the postal union regulations. Another paper quotes the postmaster as saying that the stamp in question is not on sale to the public, and thereupon remarks, "He does not state, however, who is to buy them." The assumption is that the stamps will not be allowed to circulate until the postmaster is made to see the light.

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A New One—The new Liechtenstein stamps have been instrumental in gaining publicity for philately in the newspaper press. Numerous items on the subject of the new stamps appeared and the editors seemed to regard a new country in Europe to issue stamps in the way of a novelty, as it is. While Liechtenstein (or Lichtenstein) is really a newcomer to the fold of philatelic countries yet it is something of a coincidence to notice in a stamp album published in 1863, the line in the index, "Lichtenstein, see Austria." The features of the Prince of Liechtenstein, depicted on the stamps, seem to combine dignity and benignity; and the family of this reigning prince is one of the oldest in all Europe. The area of Liechtenstein is 53 square miles; and it borders on the upper Rhine between Switzerland and Vorarlberg, a district of Austria-Hungary, connected officially with the province of Tyrol, of which it forms westernmost part. The small market-town of Vadutz or Liechtenstein is the capital of the principality.

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Irregular—Mrs. Hattie Mitchell of Denver, Colorado, asks an interesting question: "Is it permissible for firms using precancelled stamps to have their initials included in said precancellation? A local firm used the first precancelled stamps issued through the Denver office, and it only for three days; and then the firm was unable to obtain more stamps precanceled. Is this an innovation in precancellation that ultimately will do away with perforation for identification? One of these stamps was used on first-class mail; heretofore all I had ever seen were on third or fourth class matter." The inclusion of the firm's initials was contrary to the regulations prescribing the style of cancellation; and as the "innovation" was a violation of the postal law, it is likely that further supplies of the overprinted stamps were withheld until the case had been investigated. Early in December, the authorities allowed for some time, the use of precancelled stamps.

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You Can See Them—Mr. G. A. Hunt, Woburn, Mass., has been searching for types in the one-cent blue, issue of 1890, and he has discovered some variants that will delight the heart of the minor variety enthusiast; and which to his knowledge have never been exploited before. Type I. Vertical projection or tail, running up from ball at bottom of left hand numeral. Right hand numeral normal. Type II. Same as type I but projection is on right hand numeral. Left hand numeral normal. Type III. Vertical projections on both numerals. A pair of type III shows that the peculiarity must have been on the entire sheet. These little white extensions from the heels of the numeral "1" are plainly shown on the specimens sent by Mr. Hunt for inspection; and it is our belief that the pursuit of these trifles will yield as much pleasure as is being taken in the Columbian hunt.

A GREAT PURCHASE.

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Lord Crawford collected on a scientific basis, much attention being given to varieties and details, his collection of Indian stamps being of a particularly comprehensive character.

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The purchaser of this great collection is the well known firm of W. H. Peckitt and no doubt represents the greatest transaction ever recorded in the stamp purchasing line. The Peckitt advertisement elsewhere in this issue gives some details of the purchase that will be read with interest and we bespeak a careful reading of the same.

We congratulate this enterprising firm upon acquiring this great collection and it will only serve to add to the prestige that the house of Peckitt has secured.

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A REVIEW OF AUCTION SALES.

By C. G. FERRIS.

Sometime ago I noticed in your columns a suggestion from a subscriber that a review of the auction sales held in this country for the past seasons would be of benefit. Your correspondent was not alone in that thought, as I have been working for some time on a review of the auction sales of the seasons of 1911 and 1912 as applied to U. S. Stamps only. The compilation of a review taking in all countries was a task that I did not care to undertake, but I have attempted to write and have already made a good start on such a review dealing with the stamps of the United States.

This list will include the Post Masters' Provisionals, the Regular Adhesive Issues of the U. S. including used and unused, strips, pairs, blocks, and stamps used on the original cover; also stamped envelopes, cut squares and entires, U. S. Revenues, U. S. Proofs, Specimen Stamps, etc., in fact everything pertaining to U. S. stamps as far as my information will permit. For this purpose many of the leading auction houses of the country have kindly loaned me their priced catalogs. I hope to have this list completed and ready to issue in the early fall. The price will be made only high enough to take care of the actual expense of compilation and publication.

I am quite well aware that auction prices are constantly fluctuating but I shall make this list in such a way as to enable the collector to have a pretty clear idea of the actual values as distinguished from so called fluke values obtained by reason of peculiar conditions as for example rivalry between two collectors, an attempted corner of the market on certain stamps, etc. I believe this list will also act as an educator of collectors to values according to condition, also it will be intended to be a sort of first aid to the catalog.

As you are aware the current catalogs list but frequently do not price the rare U. S. Stamps they cannot on account of the few of each on the market, furthermore the current catalog gives the collector no idea of the value of U. S. Stamps in blocks, pairs, strips and on the cover. The list I am making will contain many U. S. priced in strips, blocks, pairs, etc., and while it is true that prices are constantly changing, this list will be of considerable assistance to the collectors of the U. S. stamps for at least several years to come.

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A SUPPLEMENTARY WORD.

We have received the following letter from our well known correspondent L. Harald Kjellstedt: "Please find enclosed a communication from that prominent collector and owner of the finest collection of Sweden, Baron Erik Leijonhufvud, as it contains a few corrections and some additional information, it may prove of sufficient interest for publication."

An extract from the letter follows:

"In MEKEEL'S WEEKLY STAMP NEWS for January 6, you have written some notes called 'News from Sweden.' As they contain some mistakes perhaps you will not mind my correcting them. The Swedish collection was very fine but the Sk Bco issue was not as good as one would expect, nor did the collection contain many blocks of the figure-issue 1872. The most remarkable thing was, however that a very great number of the unused Sk Bco stamps were damaged, corners missing and other defects. The magnificent block of 25 4 Sk Bco unused had come into Professor Lindström's hands in a very curious way. It was found in a put-away book in Paris some years ago and the finder sent it to a Stockholm philatelist with an inquiry if it was any good. He procured it at once for Professor Lindström and for a bargain price.

I do not believe that a second copy of the error 5 öre brown 1891 exists in private hands: I have made most extensive inquiries but no one has ever heard of the second copy: years ago it was certainly stated in some journal that two copies were in circulation, but I do not believe it until I see it. People believe such a lot of things because it has been said or printed for so many years. The number of mistaken ideas that have yet to be removed from people's minds even in the exact sciences is astonishing. How much easier to fall into mistakes in philately!

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The book is fully illustrated with reproductions of the stamps described.

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THE LEAP YEAR CANCELLATION.

By HERMAN W. BOERS.

(Of course the editor is compelled to admit the soft impeachment. He does collect minor varieties especially when, as in Mr. Boers' case, they come our way with the sender's compliments. Forthwith we shall add the "Feb. 29" postmark to our collection and admit the force of Mr. Boer's contention "it is great to be crazy." —ED.)

You are a collector of stamps no doubt, and have a nice collection—I hope so! And I have no doubt you collect various minor varieties, oddities, things we don't get every day. Say, did it ever occur to you that it is only once in "*4*" years, you can collect a stamp with Leap Year cancellation on envelope? I am enclosing you herewith two, put them in your book with my compliments. I have them also with 1c, 4c, 6c, 8c, *Reg'd*, also from *Canada, also* with due stamps and double cancellation. Great to be crazy!

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CHRONICLE OF NEW ISSUES AND VARIETIES

Edited by HENRY A. KIDDER.

Any information regarding new issues will be gratefully received and acknowledged. Address HENRY A. KIDDER, 17 Addison St., Arlington, Mass. Letters calling for a reply should contain a self-addressed, stamped envelope. We cannot give applicants the addresses of our correspondents. Correspondence regarding precancelled stamps must be sent to FRANK B. ELDREDGE, Attleboro, Mass., when due credit will be given in this department.

UNITED STATES.—The New England Stamp Co. has shown us the 3c new watermark, imperforate horizontally and perforated 8½ vertically, and the 5c old watermark, imperforate horizontally and perforated 12 vertically.

Walter R. French, the John M. Stuart Co., Donald H. Graham and Henry C. Buland, report the following new precancels:—

Paris, Ky., 1c 1911, normal; type I.
Chicago, Ill., 10c 1912, normal; type V.
Yonkers, N. Y., 1c 1911, normal; type V.
Elkhart, Ind., 1c 1911, normal; type III.
Augusta, Me., 1c 1911, reading up; type II.
Cleveland, Ohio, 6c 1911, normal; type IV.
Providence, R. I., 2c 1911, normal; type III.
St. Louis, Mo., 1c 1911, normal; mailometer No. 3; type II.
Minneapolis, Minn., 1c 1911, normal; type VII.
Columbus, Ohio, 1c 1911, reading up; type III.
Chicago, Ill., 50c 1908, normal; type V.
Buffalo, N. Y., 8c 1911, normal; type IV.
Buffalo, N. Y., 3c 1911, normal; type IV.
Buffalo, N. Y., 4c 1911, normal; type IV.
St. Louis, Mo., 2c 1911, normal; type II.
Bridgewater, Mass., 1c 1911, normal; type I.
Bridgewater, Mass., 8c 1911, normal type I.
Cleveland, Ohio, 1c 1911, normal, double; type IV.

Irva Saucerman also reports the new 1c stamp used with portrait of Washington.

Edward F. Roy has shown us a copy of the 10c Columbian with large colorless spot under each "10", also the 2c Columbian, with break between 10th and 11th lines only.

Albert F. Ritter has shown us a New York 1c Permit No. 644, with 1c pasted over, and the Columbian Stamp Co. shows a New York 1c permit No. 411, with two perforated 1c stamps and a Boston 1c Permit No. 303, with 2c stamp over.

The *Philatelic Gazette* says that the issue of the 10c registration stamp has put a "quietus" on the project of issuing a 12c stamp.

ARGENTINE.—The *Revista de la Sociedad Filatelica Argentine* reports the following stationery as having been issued with the new "Sower" stamp. The envelopes are sold at a premium of 1c over the face value.

Envelopes.

5c rose.
12c blue.

Post Card.

5c rose on cream.

Wrappers.

½c rose on cream.
1c blue on cream.
2c chocolate on cream.
4c green on cream.

In No. 1103 we chronicled a 5c envelope on the authority of a German contemporary, the color being given as claret on gray and in No. 1101 Mr. Schachne reported a 5c letter card. The *Philatelisten Zeitung* reports a 5c blue on buff card.

BERMUDA.—*Ewen's Weekly* notes the issue of a new wrapper with the stamp in the "Hoy money" type, and the *Schweizer Briefmarken Zeitung* chronicles a new post card with similar stamp.

Post Card.

½d green.

Wrapper.

¼d brown.

BRITISH SOMALILAND.—The 12a has been issued on chalky paper, specimens having been shown us by the New England Stamp Co.

BRUNEI.—The *Schweizer Briefmarken Zeitung* reports having seen "specimen" copies of some new unicolored stamps for this Colony. They are printed on multiple paper.

Adhesives.

4c claret.
5c orange.
8c ultramarine.
10c violet on yellow.

CANADA.—Frank B. Ransom has shown us specimens of the new 2c King George stamp, showing wide variation in color, one in particular being vastly different from the rich shade of the early printings.

CONGO.—The *Deutsche Briefmarken Zeitung* chronicles the following new cards:

Post Cards.

5c green; 128x80 mm.
5x5 green; 14 x89 mm.
10c rose on blue; 129x81 mm.

GREAT BRITAIN.—*Offices in the Levant.*—The New England Stamp Co. has shown us the 1d King George stamp, first design, surcharged "Levant" for use in the British offices in Turkey.

ICELAND.—We failed to note last week that the new stamps there chronicled had the embossed portrait of King Frederick VIII, instead of Sigurdsson. Beyond this, the changes from the earlier issue were trifling, except that Sigurdsson's name is engraved below his portrait, while the King Frederick stamps are without name. Whitfield King & Co. have also shown us the full set of King Frederick stamps. The two sets dove-tail together, the values from 5a to 25a overlapping, there being six values of the Sigurdsson stamps and seven values of the King Frederick issue. It was understood that these later values would comprise a pictorial set, with views of Icelandic scenery, but evidently the idea was abandoned.

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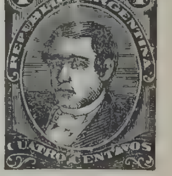

MACAU.—We have been shown the full set of stamps for this Colony, surcharged "Republica", by the New England Stamp Co.

PAPUA.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us used specimens of ½d, 1d and 2d current Papua stamps, punched "OS" for official use. These stamps are only obtainable postmarked to order.

PORTUGAL.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us the new 5c, as illustrated last week. We are still somewhat in the dark as to whether the new monetary value is in "centimos" or "centavos." *Ewen's Weekly*, from which we have previously quoted, has at different times given both as correct for the lower values. The value of an escudo being the same as 1000 reis, or $1.08 in American money, it follows that the centavos (or centimos?) are worth a trifle more than an American cent.

SALVADOR.—The C. E. Hussman Stamp Co. has shown us the new Salvador set, chronicled in No. 1106.

TIMOR.—The New England Stamp Co. has shown us the full set of stamps for this Colony, surcharged "Republica."

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CURRENT CHATTER.

By Angus McTavish.

Roessler's Stamp News, an amusing little American "house organ," says:—"It is possible the India set may be put on sale at the Dunbar. It will depict the King with the mantles of State, an altogether impressive pose."

If the weather was as muggy for the Dunbar, as it was for the Durbar, I guess H.M. would have preferred the altogether, to the mantles.

Another American paper, the *Philadelphia Stamp News,* has a quarter-page devoted to the advertisement of Staley Gibbs Inc. I hope Messrs. Stanley Gibbons, of London, won't follow this lead. If any of the advertisers in the *P. J. G. B.* fancy the abbreviated method, I am willing to submit suggestions.

How would Put & Sim do? or Vento, Bull, and Coo?

The following extract from the current number of the staid old *Monthly Journal* is rather interesting:—

"We have seen it stated that a new set will become necessary for French Indo-China, in consequence of the projected withdrawal of the current stamps; the reason given for this step is that the originals of the portraits thereon are well known locally as ladies of the 'Glad-eye' persuasion, and their retention on the postage stamps is likely to have a demoralizing effect."

This news ought to create quite a boom in French Colonials.

The *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly* for Dec. 23rd has, as a special heading, "Stamp Collecting as a Hobby." Surely this is an original idea? I always thought it was considered jolly hard work. Possibly the *S.C.F.* has tracked down the survivor of the nearly extinct race of collectors. Who knows?

One of the features of the *Stamp Year* is a list of "Abbreviations Used in Philately." Amongst them I find that "C.O.D." means "cash on delivery." Surely Mr. Melville has mistaken the stamp, for the drapery trade. Another philatelic abbreviation is G.P.O. This means General Post Office. J.P.S. means, of course, Junior Philatelic Society. "ry", we are told, is short for railway. Stamp collectors who are venturesome enough to travel by train should remember this.

A writer in the *Philatelic Gazette,* writing about Mr. Charles J. Phillips, says:—

"Strictly at 1.20 he crosses the Strand and meets Messrs. Peckitt and Griebert for lunch at the Hotel Cecil."

American visitors of the future will kindly note that to be in the front row of sightseers, they must take up their places on the sidewalk before 1.15.

For the benefit of 1912 Yankee visitors, I will map out a pleasant afternoon's amusement, combined with instruction: 12.30, lunch; 12.45, British Museum and outside of Mudies Library; 12.59, quick canter down Shaftesbury Avenue; 1.15 take up position outside 391, Strand; 1.20, see the procession; 1.25, arrive outside the Hotel Metropole; 1.27, await arrival of Messrs. Guy Semple, Stuart Anderson, and Oswald Marsh, on their way to lunch; 1.45, after viewing Trafalgar Square, Burlington House, and Arcade, wait outside the Savoy, to view Messrs. Lincoln, Johnson, and Leon, on their return from lunch; 1.55, catch train at Waterloo for Windsor, view the town and Castle; 4.30, line up outside Sam Isaacs, in High Holborn, to await the arrival, for afternoon tea, of Messrs.*

Some unknown friend has sent me the following newspaper clipping. I don't know why I am the lucky recipient, as my name is not Sandy, but Angus. Possibly one of my readers can explain the mystery.

Mr. MacTavish attended a christening where the hospitality of the host knew no bounds except the several capacities of the guests. In the midst of the celebration Mr. MacTavish rose up and made the rounds of the company, bidding each a profound farewell.

"But, Sandy, mon," objected the host, "ye're not goin' yet, with the evenin' just started?"

"Nay," said the prudent MacTavish, "I'm no' goin' yet. But I'm tellin' ye good-night while I know ye all."

At any rate it should have been the rest of the guests who said good bye to the McTavish.

*McTavish is getting personal, so we have to intrude.—Ed.

—*Phil. Journal of Gt. Britain.*

AS SEEN IN THE LOCAL PAPER.

Story of the Du Pont Sale As Told in Butler, Pa., Daily.

Philadelphia, Pa., March 9.—For a small piece of colored paper, perforated, which in August, 1861, passed current for a 1-cent stamp, a philatelist paid $310 last night at the auction of the collection of postage and revenue stamps and envelopes of the late Victor Du Pont, of Wilmington.

This collection of stamps attracted collectors from all parts of the United States. Scores of dealers and collectors from Boston, New York, Chicago and other cities were present at the sale. Nearly 500 lots were put up for the bidding, which at times was extremely spirited.

The great rarity of the 1-cent stamp, which was only lightly canceled and of indigo color had attracted widespread notice. Mr. Du Pont had a collection which was the envy of less fortunate enthusiasts. The fame of his treasures brought bids from far cities, and Eugene Klein, who conducted the auction, had on one lot alone a bid of $1200, if it was necessary to obtain it.

Among the notable collectors present were John Ramsay, of Wilmington, Del.; Edward Stern, John Klemann, E. B. Power, New York; Charles H. Stone, of Cambridge, Mass.; F. E. Farnham of Chicago; H. Wesley Legg and A. W. Batchelder, Boston, Mass.; Henry Chapman, of this city, and others of lesser fame.

A 30-cent orange stamp of the period 1851-56 brought $252 at the sale. Both this specimen and the 1-cent stamp mentioned were bought by "Findlay," a discerning collector. Four stamps of the 8-cent blue paper issued in 1908, olive green in color and considered very rare on account of the few which were printed, brought $90 each. The purchaser was E. B. Power. Farnham ran the price up to this figure, and then quit when he learned that Power had an appropriation sufficient to cover his bids four times over.

A bargain was sold to "Findlay" in a $5 State stamp, dated 1873, green and black in color, which was torn slightly. This stamp is listed at $165, but only brought $120 after reaching this figure by slow degrees. A dozen collectors bid cautiously on it, and it took about ten minutes to consummate the sale.

"New England" bought a very fine $20 stamp of the same vintage, which had a faint red penmark and a pinhole as blemishes. A very rare 3-cent pink stamp of 1861 on an orange envelope in perfect condition fetched $69. The purchaser was the Nassau Stamp Company of New York.

NEWS GLEANINGS.

—Mrs. Kate M. Wolsieffer, wife of Mr. P. M. Wolsieffer, Chicago, passed away on the morning of March 3rd, after a period of invalidism extending over many months. The devotion of Mr. Wolsieffer to his wife during her incapaciation has been known to his local associates; and in his loss, Mr. Wolsieffer has the deepest sympathy of a host of friends. Nine members of the Chicago Philatelic Society attended the funeral to Oak Ridge cemetery, six of whom acted as pallbearers. In the wealth of floral offerings was a beautiful tribute from Mr. F. R. Cornwall, St. Louis, President of the American Philatelic Society; Mr. H. Wesley Legg., Boston, and the Chicago philatelists likewise were represented.

—New Hampshire Stamp Club was organized Saturday, March 9, with M. D. Olmstead, Pres.; M. A. Perry, Sec.; J. B. Wilson, Treas.; K. F. Keniston, Sales-manager. Next meeting Sat., March 23 at home of J. B. Wilson, Jr.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from E. Weiss and M. S. Karlitsky.

—In the auction sale of coins to be held by Fred Michael & Brother at the rooms of the Chicago Numismatic Society on the evening of March 20th is a lot of encased postage stamps and a few other items that are worth the philatelist's eye.

The Boston Philatelic Society.

C. K. B. Nevin, Pres.; Fernald Hutchins, Vice Pres.; C. A. Howes, Sec., 55 Kilby St., Boston; Philip Wolff, Int. Sec., Box 105, Cambridge, Mass.; J. B. B. Smith, Treas., East Weymouth, Mass.; J. H. Lyons, Supt. Auc.; P. C. Kimball, Supt. Sales; A. W. Dunning, Supt. Bourse.

Meetings first (informal) and third (regular) Tuesdays, Room 322, Tremont Bdg., 7.30 P. M.

Boston, Mass., March 16, 1912.

The 266th (regular) meeting of the Society will be held at the Club Room on Tuesday evening, March 19th, at 7.30 o'clock.

The Entertainment Committee announce a contest following the "elimination" idea of the old-fashioned "spelling bee" on the subject of United States Postage Stamps. It is stated that all questions asked can be answered by knowledge acquired from the Scott Standard Catalog of 1911. The survivor will receive a suitable prize.

There will also be an exhibit of a portion of the celebrated Deats' collection of U. S. Revenue proofs and essays.

C. A. Howes, Sec.

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Treasurer's Annual Report.

Cash on hand Mar. 10, '11		$156.18
Rec'd dues	$16.85	
" Bulletins sold	.50	
" covers sold by Exchange Dept.	7.65	
		25.00
		$181.18
Paid Exchange Dept., covers & express	$7.93	
" Secretary's salary	5.00	
" 500 ballots	2.50	
" Secretary's postage and stationery	3.73	
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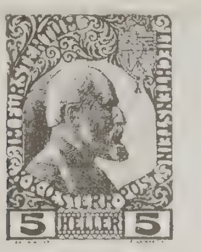
We propose to insert upon this page matter that will be of interest to the boy collector. Some two thousand boys are now on our mailing list and it is our desire to come closely in contact with them in such a manner as will be most helpful. Any information desired will be cheerfully rendered through these columns. Do not submit stamps for examination.

LIECHTENSTEIN.

Liechtenstein, the very newest of stamp issuing countries, has been so modest with its initial issue that any beginner can collect the whole country complete for the matter of about 12c. The Principality of Liechtenstein is a small independent state of Europe bounded on the north and east by the Austrian province of Vorarlberg, on the west by the Rhine, and on the south by the Swiss cantons of Grisons and St. Gall. It is extremely mountainous, has an area of 65 square miles and a population of about 10,000. Most of its inhabitants are engaged in the peaceful pursuit of agriculture. The chief town is Vaduz (population 1,200) which lies 28 miles south-west of Bregens on Lake Constance. The State is practically Austrian and belongs to the Austrian customs, postal, judicial and coinage system. The present reigning family dates from the 12th century. The Prince of Liechtenstein holds extensive estates in Austria, Prussia, and Saxony. The state is governed by the Constitution of 1862, modified in 1878, 1895, and 1901, which provides for a diet of fifteen members. Officially Liechtenstein is in a state of war with Prussia. In the war of 1866 between Prussia and Austria it was Liechtenstein that first threw down the gauntlet to the former and in the subsequent settling up of the terms of peace the two big combatants were so busy adjusting their own differences that they quite forgot to include Liechtenstein in the treaty of peace. The inhabitants are fortunate in being free from taxation and they are not liable for military service.



The three stamps (5, 10, and 25 heller) which have just appeared show the portrait of the ruling Prince and are very similar to the Austrian stamps of corresponding value. They are inscribed "K. k. Oesterr. Post im Fürstentum Liechtenstein" which means "Royal Austrian Post in the Principality of Liechtenstein". The stamps would therefore appear to be a local issue of the Austrian post though they have international franking power. The stamps were designed by Professor Moser, the dies were engraved by Ferdinand Schirnboeck, and the labels were printed at the Austrian Government Printing Office and new issue importers obtain their supplies from Vienna. They are, therefore, Austrian in their origin, production, and distribution and what necessity, if any, exists for their issue remains to be explained.

CONFEDERATE STATES.

A correspondent asks me to explain the differences between Scott's types A7 and A8 of the stamps of the Confederate States. I am afraid one would have to examine these very poor illustrations for a long time without noting any differences. Even when one knows the differences they are small and it would certainly seem that the catalogue should give some note of explanation. Type A8 is generally known as the re-engraved type and in this the ornamentation in the corners is more finished and extensive. The simplest test is that in the so-called original type there is an uncolored flaw on the small lines below the portrait oval immediately above the letter "N" of "CENTS". In type A8 this flaw does not appear. There are other points of difference and it is hardly correct to call the one type a re-engraving of the other but these are matters it would take too much space to discuss here.

SHORT REPLIES.

F. J. R. (Richmond, Va.).—You will find your question regarding Mulready envelopes fully answered in the article that appeared in these columns in the WEEKLY dated Dec. 23rd last. (2) I cannot value stamps or look up wholesale quotations for common varieties.

E. J. E. (Felming, Canada).—I am afraid the differences in the 1c Cuban stamps you describe are nothing new for they are given in every catalogue but it shows you study your stamps to have so correctly described the two types. Why not invest in an up-to-date catalogue? The first type with square ends to the tablet inscribed "centavo" was issued in 1899 and is on watermarked paper while the other type was not issued until 1905. As you state it comes in a darker color and the paper is not watermarked.

G. A. F. (Boston).—The letters "F. M" overprinted on your French stamps stand for "Franchise Militaire". A certain number of these stamps are supplied free to every French soldier at stated intervals for use on their private correspondence.

H. M. C. (Pittsburg).—Your query is a "hardlyannual" or, indeed almost a "hardy monthly" which I have answered several times before in these columns I think. The letters "D. P" on the Hong Kong stamps are *not* an official overprint, but are simply the initials of the *Daily Press*, the leading newspaper in that British colony. These letters have no philatelic interest or significance at all but are simply applied to the stamps as a preventive of theft in the same manner that firms in this and other countries have their initials or private marks punched through the stamps.

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G. V. (Elizabeth, N. J.).—The various perforations found in connection with the pictorial stamps of Bosnia are certainly of interest to the specialist, though they are not in the same class as some other perforation varieties for the simple reason that they were concurrent—that is they were printed at the same time and so do not throw any light on the various printings that may have been made. One set is ample for a general collector.

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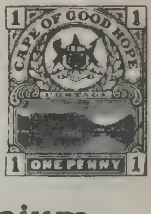

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1900, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 60h, 1k.
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1906, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30h.
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News, 1863-67, Mercury, 1kr red violet, 1kr dull violet, 1 kr lilac; perf. 2c each.
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News, 1908, 2, 6, 10, 20h.
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News tax, 1850, 1kr; 1880, 1kr; 1891, 1kr.
Postage due, 1893, 1, 3, 5kr.
Postage due, 1900, imperf., 1, 2, 3, 5h.
Postage due, 1900, perf., 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10h.
Postage due, 1908, 1, 2, 4, 6, 10, 20h.
AUSTRIAN LEVANT—
1890, 1pi; 1900, 1pi; 1903, 1pi.
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1864, 3kr; 1868, 3kr.
1905, Official, 10, 20pf.
BARBADOS—
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1849, 3, 6kr; 1862, 3kr.
1867, 3kr; 1870-73, 1, 3kr.
1875, 1 and 3kr, unused.
1876, 3, 10, 20pf.
1881, 3, 10, 20, 50pf, 1m.
1888, 3, 10, 20, 25pf.
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In 1882 it was decided to honor the memory of the murdered President by placing his portrait on the 5c stamp in place of that of General Taylor. At first it was intended to print the stamp in black, as the most suitable color for the expression of the nation's mourning, but the color finally adopted was a dark brown.

The official description of the design was as follows:—

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This stamp, like the other denominations then in use, was engraved and printed by the American Bank Note Company, of New York, which firm then held the printing contract for all U. S. postage stamps. The plates consisted of 200 impressions but the sheets were divided into panes of 100 before being issued to the post offices.

Above the top border of the stamp, about 3½ mm. from the right-hand side, a small colored dot appears and about 5 mm. from the left end a smaller and less apparent dot also shows. These dots are evidently the remains of guide marks marked by the engraver to facilitate the correct balance of the various details and they should, of course, have been removed before the die was brought into use.

Numerous shades may be found ranging from a pale grayish brown to a black-brown. Mr. Luff says that the following plates were used in printing these Garfield stamps:—399, 400, 488, 489, K537, K538, K539, K540 and K541. For a long time two distinct varieties of this stamp were listed, viz:—(a) with crossed lines in the background, and (b) with horizontal lines only. It was well known that there was only one die but it was presumed the variations were due to different transfer-roll impressions. It is now understood, however, that all the plates were alike and all had the crossed lines but owing to defective printing the diagonal lines sometimes fail to show. Though perhaps not of very great philatelic interest the varieties can certainly not be altogether ignored by specialists.

Cardboard proofs of this stamp are by no means uncommon but die proofs are scarce. In 1888 a small special printing was made. The paper used for these special prints was the soft porous variety used for the ordinary stamps, but they may be recognized by the clearness of the impression, the light brownish, gray color, and the fact that they have no gum.

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An official circular, dated August 15, 1887, announced among other items that the color of this 5c stamp would be changed from brown to blue and in March, 1888, the stamp was placed on sale in its new color. All the "K" plates mentioned above were used in producing supplies of the blue stamps and it is possible some of the others were also used so the specialist will do well to keep a good look out for specimens with marginal plate numbers. The superfluous dots referred to in the case of the brown 5c are, of course, also found in this new issue. This variety may be found entirely imperforate and in addition specimens on pinkish paper have been noted. Regarding this variety Mr. Luff quotes from a correspondent as follows:—"The five cents blue Garfield, on pink paper, is one of a lot of ten or fifteen, purchased at the Portland, Me., post office in 1889, by one of the local collectors. The paper appears to be too evenly colored, to be the result of an accident. Among the lot was a pair with the top margin. The color showed evenly on the margin, as on the stamps."

The color varies from a deep blue to a true indigo.

When specifications for a new stamp contract were published in 1889 sample stamps were attached to these as a guide to the bidders. The specialist, therefore, has two extra varieties to collect in this 5c Garfield, *i. e.,* one in chocolate overprinted "SAMPLE" in red, and another in yellow-brown overprinted "SAMPLE A" in bright blue. The two variations in the lines of the background may be found in the blue stamps.

In 1890 the new series appeared and the portrait of Garfield was transferred from the 5c to the 6c denomination. This stamp, like the one previously described, provides a small peculiarity. The line of shading immediately under the top frame line is extended right across to the right-hand border. On the other values of the same series this line stops abruptly on reaching the uncolored vertical column. Only one plate, numbered "23," was used by the American Bank Note Co., in the production of these stamps. This consisted of 200 impressions though the printed sheets were sub-divided into "post office" sheets of 100 before distribution. In making the plate a dot was added 3½ mm. to the right of the impression on the transfer roll. This dot was impressed on the plate at the same time as the impression and thus served as a guide for the correct placing of the next impression. It can occasionally be traced on the stamps and when visible will be found in the ornamentation in the center of the left border.

The official description of the color was "light maroon" but it comes in a variety of shades which may be more correctly termed Claret, brown-red, brown-lake, etc. I have seen exceeding blurred specimens of this stamp—evidently printed from an imperfectly cleaned plate.

In 1894 the printing contract was awarded to the Government Bureau of Engraving and Printing and the new plates used were made from the same die as was originally employed for the 1890 issue with ornamental triangles added to the upper corners. That the same die was used is proved by the presence of the small line at top extending across the uncolored column as before. This 6c Garfield stamp was first placed on sale on July 18, 1894. Only one plate was used, this bearing the marginal number "28." This, as was the case in the 1890 series, was a plate of 200 impressions. The system of marking guide dots on the transfer rolls was employed by the Government Bureau in the same manner as before and in the case of the value we are considering the dot was 2¼ mm. distant from the transfer with the result that it cannot be distinguished on the stamps as it is covered by the lines of shading on the left. Mr. Luff mentions this stamp imperforate horizontally. As with the preceding issue, shades are fairly abundant.

Watermarked paper was introduced in 1895 and the first supplies of the 6c on this paper were placed on sale on August 31st, of that year. The following plates were used: 28, 184, 248, 373, 386 and 451 and all contained 200 impressions. The guide dots on the several transfer rolls employed were apparently uniformly spaced with the consequence that the dots never show on the stamps.

Three styles of numerals and two varieties of imprint were used for this issue. On plate 28 the imprint is in white letters on a plain rectangle with a thin frame line while the numerals are shaded and 3¼ mm. high. On plates 184 and 248 the imprint shows the frame more strongly cut and at each end of the rectangle a rosette and arrow-head ornament is added. The numerals on these plates are more ornate than those on plate 28 and they are only 2¾ mm. high though much broader. On plates 373, 386 and 451 the same style of imprint appears, though the numerals are in thin fancy figures also 2¾ mm. high.

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This value like the 8c of the same series, is known on the revenue paper watermarked "U. S. I. R.," the variety being an extremely rare one.

On December 31, 1898 this 6c stamp was placed on sale in a new color—purple-lake in place of the lake-brown previously used. Naturally variations are to be found but there should never be any difficulty in distinguishing between the emissions of 1894 and 1898. The plates used were 451, 922, 923, 924 and 925, all containing 200 impressions as before.

In 1902 the designs of all values were changed but Garfield's portrait still adorns the 6c stamp. It will be noted, however, that the portrait now looks to right instead of to left as in all the previous issues. Lake was again the color chosen and as in the preceding emissions it varies considerably in shade. This was the last of the Garfield stamps, for with the advent of the current series all the notabilities with the exception of Franklin were dropped in favor of a general design with portrait of Washington.—*Everybody's Philatelist.*

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(Contributed by A. N. Caudell.)

When you write your paper on stamps hard to get you had better include Scott's U. S. No. 157b, that catalogues at a dollar, or did recently, but my dealer held me up for two fifty for one.

Worthy of mention in your hard to get article would perhaps be the 1902 one cent imperforate in large blocks. Last summer I tried various places in Philadelphia, N. Y. and Boston and the biggest block I found was one of 16 obtained from a Boston firm. Two entire sheets recently turned up here in Washington but few I think occur.

(By Forest A. Black.)

A few stamps I have found hard to get are 3c U. S. No. 136 with grille; Belgium Dues do not seem to come fast, or Belgium parcels post stamp No. 217, 15c gray and black; Chile No. 32, 30c rose carmine seems to get my goat.

I had quite a time securing Germany No. 57, 25pf yellow and black, and do not see many copies now. Also I might mention Canada No. 46, 20c vermilion.

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—We have received an interesting letter from C. F. Rothfuchs, who is now located at Los Angeles, Cal. Though the letter is somewhat personal in nature, Mr. Rothfuchs reminds us that he cannot entirely forget Boston and its associations. Upon receipt of the WEEKLY the reports of the B. P. S. are the first features that he looks for. We acknowledge with thanks clippings received.

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—Clipping is acknowledged with thanks from M. A. Lesser.

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EDITORIAL.

Changelings—The translation from the Swedish by Mr. Kjellstedt of an article on the reactions of acids on the colors of stamps is a contribution of value in itself and as indicating the possibilities of a subject that in all its ramifications is vast and to some degree formidable. The necessity for caution in considering color "errors" long has been felt by some students who are aware of the innumerable means for effecting changes in stamp colors. While these investigators have been aware of the importance of keeping pace with the industry of the stamp "colorists", whose motives are not always above suspicion, yet they seem to have been reluctant to essay any exhaustive and systematic tabulation of results. Perhaps the reason that the work has not been attempted on a scale adjusted to its importance and, relatively speaking, has been neglected may be charged to the almost limitless range of the subject. The analytical chemist well knows what a task it is to catalogue the reactions, many of which may be obscure and involved, to account for stamp color changes.

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Much to the Subject—In 1884, G. Kauffmann had a series of articles in a German stamp paper, on changelings. Mr. Kauffmann was criticized as having adhered too closely to an encyclopedia. Later, Ferdinand Mayer, a writer who combined a chemical understanding with a philatelic appreciation, is charged with having recorded "isolated cases" only, by Dr. F. Kalckhoff, who, in 1888, contributed to *Der Philatelist*. a study on Chemical Counterfeits, with a table of many changes. Dr. Kalckhoff did not name, with few exceptions, the reagents by which the changes were made, but instead grouped the results only. There are organic and inorganic colors and likewise acids; and their names are legion. The animal and vegetable colors, including aniline, whose base gives many of the coal-tar dyes, are organic; while mineral colors are inorganic. The mineral colors are the more permanent and two divisions of colors are to be made in this relation; and the acids may be assigned to the two groups.

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Fun to Experiment—As to the chemical reagents that are available, each one may be of many different degrees of saturation and the experiments should be made with the varying potencies. As results that showed traces of chemical treatment on the color or paper of the stamps would be rejected as carrying their own condemnation, they need not be considered as objects of philatelic interest or alarm. When fraudulent transformation of color enters into the stamp color question, the work must be done so expertly as to deceive the inexperienced at least. The paper of the stamp must not be "killed" by the fumes or solution nor must there be any crystallization whatever on the stamp. There are many fancy color creations that are made to meet a passing whim of the philatelist who has access to a chemical laboratory; and occasionally there are epidemics of this sort of amusement. The budding chemist finds that it is a fascinating operation to change the colors in the test-tubes and the philatelist applies the experimentation to stamps. The chemist of long standing who sets about seriously to conjure with colors could achieve results that could confuse and confound the casual collector.

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Accidental Changes—There are passive methods by which to change colors. Bright sunlight will play tricks with some of the colors—a six cent Columbian exposed to the sun is reduced to blue; some of the reds to oranges, and so on. An atmosphere heavily charged with sulphur fumes will darken the vermilions, etc., and a chemical carried in the very cover on which a stamp pays postage may be strong enough to alter its color. Sea-water with its sodium chloride has caused greens to resolve themselves into blues; and in different mysterious ways, the original colors are attacked and succumb to the force of chemical circumstances. We do not suppose that the gravity of the question of color changes is as great as may be supposed. If much money is paid for a color variety or error it must be allowed that the purchaser knows from whom he is buying; and to-day, the philatelist has confidence in the dealer who will grant him, he believes, all reasonable protection at the time of the sale and after it, as well.

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"Let the Buyer Beware"—There is an important regulation in business conduct that is embraced in the doctrine of *caveat emptor*—Let the buyer beware. In legal cases this warning implication is given due—and undue at times, it seems—weight. Many a defrauded victim has been dazed to find that the rule of *caveat emptor* has been successfully invoked by those from whom he is seeking redress. However, it is something of a shock to hear that the law in question has been used in a stamp case decision and an English judge has ruled that certain early Tasmanian and Victorian stamps which proved to be forgeries were bought at the buyer's risk, according to the warning of *caveat emptor*. It is needless to say that the seller was not a person, who in a public way was prominently connected with the commercial side of philately. In this country, advertising dealers, almost without exception, may be relied upon to recoup the person to whom unwittingly they may have sold a counterfeit or "misbranded" stamp; and they would not seek the convenient protection of a plausible plea of *caveat emptor*.

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Coming Attraction—The death of the Grand Duke of Luxemburg, at the age of sixty years, which has been reported in the newspapers has revealed an interesting philatelic prospect. As no male representative was left by the Grand Duke, the rights of succession are vested in Mary Adelaide, the eldest daughter, eighteen years of age. Some years ago, her right as the successor of her father was confirmed. The portrait of the decedent appears on the stamps of the current set from ten centimes upwards and the expectation follows that the likeness of the Grand Duchess will have its place on the stamps, in due time. When the features of Queen Wilhelmina were shown on the Netherlands stamps for the first time, the philatelic poets worked themselves into a fine frenzy and sang gladsomely, even if somewhat tumultuously. It will be worth while to notice what effect the portrait of a young "queen" on the Luxemburg stamps will have on philately's singularly emotional and impressionable band of lyrists.

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Something to See—Mr. H. S. Ashenhurst, Colorado Springs, Colorado, has shown us a variety of the two-cent red-brown, 1883, United States. On one stamp, there is no shading to be discerned beneath the triangular line of the panel above "two cents," while the second stamp has a solid bank of color extending about one millimeter. The varieties are equally common, we are informed, and if the one has not been listed heretofore, the minor variety enthusiasts have a variation that looms large to engage their attention.

NOTES ON NEW ISSUES.

Chinese Republic.—We have received information that all the Chinese Imperial stamps were recently withdrawn and re-issued after being overprinted with four Chinese characters signifying "Provisional Neutrality," and that new stamps would be issued when the Republic is proclaimed. As the latter event has already taken place, it is probable that a second surcharged set bearing the word "Republic" will be issued before the permanent stamp can be got ready.

Dominica.—The Postmaster informs us that the 5sh stamp has not been issued in new colours, as has been incorrectly reported in many philatelic journals.

Falkland Islands.—The stocks of 2d., 2½d and 6d stamps of the current issue are exhausted. Fresh supplies are on order from the Crown Agents, but it is possible they may be of the new Georgian type.

Gilbert and Ellice Islands.—We are officially informed that the ½d stamps of the Pandanus tree type are exhausted, and that they will be replaced by a new ½d stamp bearing the portrait of King George V, probably in May or June; we are also informed that the 5d, 6d and 1sh stamps of the King George type will be issued early this year. The 1d, 2d and 2½d King George stamps will not be issued until the same values of the Pandanus tree type are exhausted.

Servia.—The journal stamps issued a few weeks ago have been withdrawn from circulation. The number issued was very small and we have been unable to obtain any except a small number of the lower values. It is said that almost the entire issue was bought up by local speculators.

St. Helena.—A supply of penny stamps of the large pictorial design, printed all red, was sent out some time ago, but are being held back at the St. Helena Post Office. A remittance we sent out for a quantity of these new stamps has been returned to us with the information that they are not to be sold to the public. It is not stated what is to be done with them.

Tibet.—Our correspondent in this country informs us that all the Chinese Post Offices in Tibet have been closed, and that no more stamps are obtainable. They have always been difficult to procure and will no doubt be very rare. Even if the offices should be re-opened the stamps then issued would without doubt be the new Republican ones (see Chinese Republic).—*Whitfield King's List.*

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But Uncle Sam, postmaster, was after further improvements in 1870. He wanted new postage stamps, and if you have the slightest doubt that he was very particular about those stamps, haul out of the dust a certain report of that time—but no! You are on your vacation, or ought to be. Quiet your doubts by the following extracts taken from the correspondence regarding samples between J. MacDonough, Secretary of the National Bank Note Company of New York, and General W. H. H. Terrell, Second Assistant Postmaster-General, beginning October 2, 1869, and ending April 6, 1870:

"There is a very dirty bust of Lincoln in possession of an importer of claret, who declines to loan or sell it. I am, however, preparing myself for an attack on his premises and hope to capture it."

"The Jefferson . . . . is the only bust in this city. It is owned by Andrew J. Garvey, a Tammany 'very big Injun,' who has refused $200 for the privilege of a copy in plaster."

"One remark in your letter troubles me. I trust it is not your intention to retire from the Department. . . . . When we get gum that will stick and stamps that please, your office will be a comparative paradise."

To which Terrell responded that the Jefferson profile for the 10-cent stamp was condemned because "the hair on the forehead has a *backwoods* appearance, and the expression is un-Jeffersonian."

The next day Terrell writes that he had found in the Capitol a "glorious Jefferson" and a "splendid Hamilton," and expected to find a better Jackson. He hoped they would find Clay and Webster at Wells' "bumpological" establishment in New York. He complained: "Your Jackson is too young and not likely to be recognized. 'Old Hickory' is what we want."

MacDonough sent the only Jackson he could find, "which is identified only by superabundance of coat collar." After a few weeks of search: "The inclosed photographs, taken from Powers' bust of Andrew Jackson in the public square, Memphis, Tenn.—they face the wrong way—" provoked the following reply: "Several *decidedly* bad photographs of Jackson, and bill for the same have been received." "The 'Coffee' bust is the same coat-collar affair we have already engraved."

"You will notice that I have strengthened the features, reduced the size of the lower lip, and removed the drapery; the latter operation was a delicate matter, as the Lord only (who created the anatomy) knew what was likely to turn up beneath it."

Uncle Sam approved of the liberties thus taken in making over Old Hickory, and requested the firm to "trim off a portion of the hero's back hair," also "to tone down his chin a little." Nor was Lincoln to remain unmolested. "Cannot the cheek below the cheek bone," wrote Mr. Tyrrell, "be brought out a little, so that the expression will be somewhat less cadaverous and less like that of the Knight of the sorrowful Figure, Don Quixote I think the *hair on top* might be *shortened* slightly and *tumbled* a little, as, according to my recollection, Old Abe never, or at least very seldom, wore his hair *smooth.*

The postmasters assembled approved the "efforts to provide a new and more *tasty* series of stamps, and recommend the use of a better article of gum." Clay had evidently been renovated, for on March 21, 1870, Terrell remarks, "The Clay (12 cents) looks much better. It will do. The Lincoln (6 cents) is yet to come, with his hair properly parted."

On March 24: "The Lincoln hair, as to the *parting,* will do. Please look after the *back hair*—is it not too clumsy, or too much after the style of Webster's whisker, which you worked over and very much improved? Another point to be corrected is the shade under the *jaw* of Lincoln. . . . It reminds me of the makeup of some who undertake theatrical business—the *foundation* of their wigs don't harmonize with their complexions."

With April 6 came other troubles: "The color selected for the 24-cent stamp, new series, was a pure purple. The gummed and perforated specimen received to-day from the stamp agent . . . . looks like poke-berry juice after a hard rain."

And so it came to pass that the National Bank Note Company, having finally satisfied Uncle Sam's exquisite taste in the matter of gums, haberdashery, anatomy, color and general effect, was awarded the contract for making the new series of stamps, that is, new in 1870, and Uncle Sam patted himself on the back, and it was a quarter century before the Bureau of Printing and Engraving, one of his own plants, slyly underbid the other contractors, and began making his stamps right under his own nose.

The series which evolved from the above correspondence was as follows: 1c, Franklin after Rubricht; 2c, Jackson after Powers; 3c, Washington after Houdon; 6c, Lincoln after Volk; 7c, Stanton; 10c Jefferson after Powers' statue; 12c, Clay after Hart; 15c, Webster after Clevenger; 24c, Scott after Coffee; 30c, Hamilton after Ceraachi; 90c Commodore O. H. Perry, profile bust after Wolcott's statue at Cleveland, Ohio.—*America.*

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Edited by HENRY A. KIDDER.

Any information regarding new issues will be gratefully received and acknowledged. Address HENRY A. KIDDER, 17 Addison St., Arlington, Mass. Letters calling for a reply should contain a self-addressed, stamped envelope. We cannot give applicants the addresses of our correspondents. Correspondence regarding precancelled stamps must be sent to FRANK B. ELDREDGE, Attleboro, Mass., when due credit will be given in this department.

UNITED STATES.—F. F. Hooker sends us specimens of the current 2c envelope, white, official size, with the stamp printed from a badly worn die. All the lines and inscriptions show much more white than normal, many of the letters like the "A" and "E" running into a white blotch, while the left "2" touches the outer colorless frame lo line at the lower corner. While interesting as showing the tremendous wear that comes from printing, it would hardly be called a legitimate variety worthy of a place in the catalogue.

F. W. Murray and F. B. Eldredge report the following new precancels:

Sedalia, Mo., 3c 1911, normal; type I.
West Grove, Pa., 4c 1911, normal; type II.
Providence, R. I., 2c 1911, normal; type IV.
Minneapolis, Minn., 5c 1911, normal; type VII.
Akron, Ohio, 2c 1911, normal; type V.
Ashland, Ohio, 1c 1911, inverted; type V.

Charles E. Fisher shows us some interesting Albinos, including the current 2c on white, old watermark, both used and unused, the former being mailed at Taunton, Mass., and also a 1c wrapper of the current type, but with the 1907 watermark.

William H. Emery has shown us a horizontal pair of 2c Columbians, with the perforations between imperfect. Several of the holes are missing and there is no mark of the needles in the vacant places.

ABYSSINIA.—*Champion's Bulletin* has an interesting article on the topic of the stamps of Abyssinia recently issued, surcharged, "Aff. Excep.—Faute Timb," and new value in hand writing. The article is based on the statements of a correspondent who lived in the country for more than ten years and who was in a position to ascertain the exact facts. The first of last October, the post office at Dire-Doua, the most important commercial centre, and the terminal point of first section of the railroad, which runs to Addis-Abeba was completely out of stamps of the emissions authorized by the Postal Union, that is to say, of the emission of 1908 with surcharges in piastres, and the large stamps of 1909, with values in guerches. The Courier from Addis-Abeba, who supplied the stamps to the offices of the interior, was not expected for several days, and on the other hand, it was necessary to forward the letters to Djibouti without delay. The Postmaster at Dire-Doua found remainders of sheets of the issue of 1894 (engraved by Mouchon, without surcharge, available only for the interior of Abyssinia) and in order to give currency to them in the Postal Union it was forthwith provided that a stamp bearing the legend quoted above should be placed on all the remaining stamps, about one hundred of each of the lower values and forty to fifty of each of the three higher values. The stamp surcharge was completed by addition of the respective values written in guerches. Most of the smaller values and a certain number of the others were dispersed upon the correspondence destined for Djibouti and foreign countries, both ordinary and registered letters; some of them arrived in Paris. October 5, the courier from Addis-Abeba brought to Dire-Doua a supply of the Imperial postage stamps. The provisional stamp was immediately destroyed.

BULGARIA.—Mr. Schachne sends us the current cards noted below, with a round design in red, at right end of card and covering a corner of the stamp. This has a monogram of two letters on the upper part and "1912-20-1" below. The reverse has a full page, full length picture of a young man in military garb.

Our guess in this case is that it may be the Crown Prince and that he came of age Jan. 20, '12.

Post Cards.

5sto green on yellowish green.
10sto lilac-red on light blue.

JAMAICA.—*Champion's Bulletin* illustrates a new 3d stamp for Jamaica from a specimen copy. It has a portrait of King George, facing to the left, in an oval, surmounted by a crown. The value, "3d" appears in each of the upper corners, with "Postage" at the left of the oval, "Revenue" at the right and "Jamaica" below, the three inscriptions following the line of the oval. The stamp is printed on yellow paper, *Champion's* says in brown, but probably in violet like the corresponding value in Great Britain and the other colonies.

PORTUGAL.—Mr. Schachne shows us one of the permanent set for the Republic and we find the stamp is as described in No. 1101. The upper half of the card has only the single headline "Bilhete Postal" in fancy type, and the stamp, the lower half being like the 10 reis of 1910 except that "D'este" is now printed as one word without the apostrophe.

Post Card.

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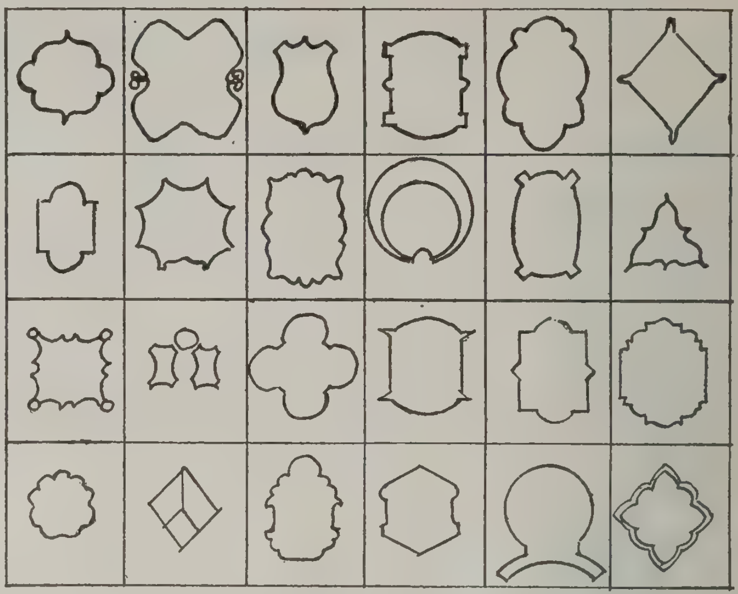

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INFORMATION WANTED.

A correspondent propounds a few queries and deviating from our usual custom we have decided to submit them to our readers. Archibald Campbell, who calls himself "a boy philatelist of seventy" would like to know:—

(1) What is the value of the 1c indigo 1861 U. S., Scott's No. 55? Ditto Nos. 57 and 62.

(2) Great Britain No. 1 is catalogued at $75.00 unused and unpriced used. Was it ever postally used and if so, what is the value of a used copy?

(3) Why should the 5c New Brunswick 1860 differ so disproportionately with the rest of the issue as regards unused and used copies?

(4) What are the circumstances that cause Baden No. 25 to be priced at $5.00 when unused copies are priced at 20c?

(5) What is the scarcest of all U. S. stamps?

(6) What governments have stamp collections of their own?

For the best set of answers to the above questions received before April 15 we will give Burroughs' "Wonderland of Stamps." The editor of the Weekly, Mr. Severn, will pass upon the entries and we shall hold the right to publish such portions of the entries submitted as we may desire.

A REPUBLIC ONE MILE LONG.

The smallest republic in the world, without contradiction, observes a Paris contemporary, is that of *Tavolara*, a little island situated about seven and one-half miles from Sardinia. It is little more than a mile in length and has a population of fifty-five.

The sovereignty of the island was accorded in 1836 by King Charles Albert of Sardinia, father of Victor Emanuel I, first King of united Italy, to the Bartoleoni family. Up to 1882 Paul I reigned peaceably over his little island kingdom, but at his death the islanders proclaimed a republic. By the Constitution of the republic the President is elected for ten years and women exercise the franchise.—*Christian Herald.*

TO GUARD AGAINST SUBSTITUTION.

By W. H. Lieber.

I take the liberty of submitting herewith, a method of protecting dealers in the higher valued stamps, sent to parties on approval, against substitution of the copies submitted for sale, of inferior copies of the same stamp. I do not know whether you would deem it advisable, or of sufficient merit, to publish this information, but will leave this for you to decide.

After carefully hinging the stamps to the sheet the stamps and sheet should be placed face down upon a hard surface. By rubbing lightly over the back of the sheet while in this position, with a pencil the exact outline of the stamps pasted to the other side, will appear. A second sheet should then be pasted over the back of the first in order to prevent blurring of the outlines. By holding the entire sheet to the light a substitution of the original stamps can be easily detected.

CAUGHT.

"Good morning," said the young woman as she stepped to the window at the postoffice. "Is there a letter for me today?"

"I'll look," answered the clerk.

The young woman blushed a little and she added: "It's a business letter."

The man inside the window took up a handful of letters and looked them over hastily. Then he informed the lady that there was nothing for her; and with great disappointment depicted on her lovely features she went away from there. In five minutes she was back again—this time blushing more furiously than before.

"I—I deceived you," she stammered. "It—it wasn't a business letter I was expecting. Will you please see if there is something for me among the valentines?"

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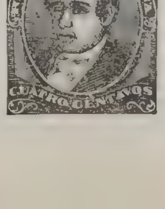

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*5c violet, No. 79	.04
5c violet, No. 79, used	.01
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*16c olive green, No. 82	.12
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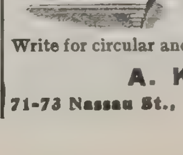

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WITH THE BOY PHILATELIST.

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GUATEMALA AGAIN.

A few weeks ago I referred to the difficulty beginners have in distinguishing between the lithographed and engraved stamps of the 1886-87 issues of Guatemala and I am glad to say that paragraph has drawn several helpful letters from several of the senior readers of the WEEKLY. Mr. E. W. Bridge writes as follows:—"I was all at sea at one time on the same lot of stamps and had some trouble in distinguishing the lithographed and engraved. At last I remembered that when I was a youngster in school I used to make impressions of money with a thin piece of tinfoil so I tried that with the stamps and had good success. Later I read in the WEEKLY that someone else recommended the same. I took the stamps and put a piece of the foil on top, then pressed my finger hard on top of both, and the result showed raised letters and figures on some and others perfectly smooth." Mr. Max Siebert writes to the same effect and kindly sent sample impressions. This seems the most practical way for the novice to differentiate between the two issues. Thin tin-foil, such as is wrapped round chocolate, cigarettes, etc. is easily procured and if pressed on the stamps as explained above the result is quite satisfactory. Where the pressure shows the raised letters and figures etc. the stamps are engraved and if the tin-foil remains smooth then the stamps are certainly lithographs.

Other correspondents point out differences in the smoke from the engine in the upper left corner of the design but these differences are small and unless one has several stamps for comparison (which the beginner usually hasn't) the test is of little practical value.

HOW TO SPECIALISE.

Of late I have received several communications asking if it is not better to specialise in the stamps of one or a few countries rather than attempt a general collection of the stamps of the whole world. In one such letter received from a youthful correspondent last week, I am also invited to explain how to specialise, which is rather a tall order. Perhaps the easiest way of answering this difficult query will be to quote from an Editorial I wrote for the *West-End Philatelist* some five years ago:—

"The specialist, like the poet, is born and not made. Almost from his very first acquaintance with philately, he takes that interest in minor details that ultimately results in his joining the ranks of the specialists, instead of keeping with the larger army of general collectors. There are specialists and specialists. Specialism does not consist of simply amassing a large collection—accumulation would often be a more correct term—of the stamps of some particular country, or, on the other hand, of having the issues of some countries complete, so far as the main and generally known minor varieties are concerned.

"The true specialist is the historian of philately. To his researches we are indebted for the admirable catalogues that serve to guide and instruct less enlightened collectors. He does not merely collect, he studies. And to this capacity for study he must add the logical reasoning powers of a lawyer, and the deductive ability of a trained detective. Nothing is, seemingly, too trivial to escape his notice. He studies the most minor varieties of design, shade, perforation, paper, and watermark, for all may be of distinct importance in identifying separate printings, or in throwing light on some important point in the philatelic history of a stamp. He endeavors to trace the history of each specimen from the moment the first rough drawing was made until the finished stamp was issued to a more or less admiring public. His is the task of ferreting out the names of the printers; finding out by what process the stamps were manufactured; discovering how many printings were made, and whether these differ in any manner, and if so, what are the distinguishing details, and so on. In fact, by his researches, his collection resolves itself into a carefully planned and scientific historical study of the postal issues of a country.

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G. J. L.—The portrait on the 3 skilling stamp of the 1856 issue of Norway is that of King Oscar I of Sweden & Norway, who died in 1859.

B. N.—The designs of the 1897 stamps of Peru are 1c the suspension bridge at Paucartambo; 2c, the General Post Office at Lima; 5c, Portrait of President D. Nicholas de Pierola. These three stamps were issued on the last day of December, 1897 to commemorate the opening of the New Postal Buildings in Lima. I cannot say how long they were in use.

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TWO TRENTON PHILATELISTS.

Thanks to the **Wickecheoke Philatelist**, Theodore G. Kitchin editor, we are privileged to present our readers with some salient facts in the philatelic careers of two well known Jersey collectors. Messrs. Clark and Kitchin were both active in making the recent Trenton exhibition a success, special credit being given Mr. Clark for the manner in which he handled his end of the work:—

ALVAH G. CLARK.

THEODORE G. KITCHIN.

As appears in the family record "Alvah George Clark, born Wednesday, April 11th, 1883, at ½ past 2 o'clock on a dark, cold, drizzly morn." The only information that could be added to this is, that he was born in Trenton, N. J.

Mr. Clark attended the public schools, and while in school, at the age of 12, was invited to visit and inspect the stamp collection belonging to a school chum. This was enough. He "got the habit" right there and then.

At the age of 15 years Mr. Clark left school of his own free will, and immediately went to work, taking as his own choice the profession of a druggist. As this occupation took most of his time he disposed of his stamp collection, he says: "For something like seven dollars, whether it was worth it or not."

The saying "Once a stamp collector, always a stamp collector" is almost true in his case, for, a short time afterward, Uncle Sam's decorative Spanish-American War revenue stamps, on patent medicines brought him back into the ranks of active collectors and he has been collecting ever since, specializing in the stamps of the United States and Colonies.

Mr. Clark continued in the pill rolling business for six years, and leaving, was a representative of Murray, Griffith & Messler, wholesale dry goods merchants, covering a large territory in Pennsylvania for them. He left this position to become assistant sergeant-at-arms of the New Jersey State Courts, and four years ago affiliated himself with the School of Industrial Arts of Trenton, in the capacity of secretary of the school.

Mr. Clark is one of the charter members of the Trenton Philatelic Society, and was its first vice-president. He was afterwards secretary and is now treasurer. He was also one of the starters of the Trenton Junior Philatelic Society.

In his position as secretary of Trenton's Art School he has had a good opportunity for observing and bettering his talent for drawing. He is adept with the crow-quill pen and ink, as the seal of the Trenton Philatelic Society will prove. He also originated the name, thought out and executed the design used by "The Stamp Album." Not alone is Mr. Clark "at home" with pen and ink, as some of the illustrated pages (in color) in various stamp albums, are of the highest order.

The presentation of the editor's picture in this issue was not undertaken without "due celerity contempored with cunctation," as former Governor Pennypacker, of Pennsylvania, was wont to say.

The failure of an expected cut at the "eleventh" hour boosted our courage, too. The Trenton *Daily State Gazette* of June 23, 1911, said:

"Theodore G. Kitchin, a former newspaper man, and for several years connected with the *State Gazette* * * * was elected president and manager of the Wickecheoke Corporation, a company incorporated in this state yesterday * * * *

"Mr. Kitchin, who was born in Sergeantsville, Hunterdon County, some thirty-five years ago, came to Trenton in 1900, and since that time has been engaged in newspaper, corporation and trolley business. In all, he is, or has been New Jersey director in more than 300 corporations, most of them doing business in Pennsylvania, and as a consequence possesses the distinction of being a director in more companies than any other Trenton citizen".

Aside from this, the editor has been collecting since 1888, along general lines. In the hey-day of small societies he was a member of seven or eight, and even "ran" two or three himself.

He says the one sad memory of his early collecting career is the recollection of sending a half dollar to someone in New York for a packet of "250 carefully selected foreign stamps, a fine variety, with many duplicates to trade with your friends." The "many duplicates" were a nice, uniform lot of current German 10-pfennigs, and the "fine variety" was a lightly cancelled 2½d English stamp!

The editor has been a member of the Trenton Philatelic Society since 1909, and is financial secretary.

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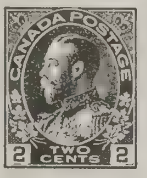

POSTAGE STAMPS OF THE NEW REIGN.

By D. B. Armstrong.

With the advent of the new year the tide of new British Colonial stamp issues, stemmed for more than twelve months past by the difficulties encountered in securing suitable designs, will begin to flow in earnest, and will continue throughout the year. Since the overseas Possessions of the British Crown represent fully one-third of the stamp-issuing countries of the world, the fact that practically the whole of their postage stamps will undergo a change within the next twelve months is a matter of no small moment to stamp collectors.

No sooner had King George succeeded to the Throne than rumour was rife as to the philatelic changes that must necessarily follow, and it was thought that they would be given almost immediate effect. Actually, however, the delay in the present instance has been even more prolonged than in the case of the Edwardian issues; so that, with the exception of the ½d and 1d values of the Mother Country, the only stamps of King George that have been issued so far come from the widely separated Possessions of Newfoundland, South Africa, Rhodesia and India.

To Newfoundland is due the credit of having given birth to the first postage stamp of the Georgian era, which, printed in black and of the denomination 15 cents formed part of a series issued in the New Isle in August, 1910, to mark the tercentenary of its colonization. This stamp was roughly lithographed by Messrs. Whitehead, Morris and Co., of Fenchurch-street, London, and bore an unflattering full face portrait of his Majesty in naval uniform. But it was the first postage stamp of the new reign, and as such is entitled to the veneration of all philatelists. Subsequently it was re-issued printed from engraved steel plates, and has but recently passed out of issue.

The newly-founded Union of South Africa was well to the fore in the matter of new reign postage stamps; and a special 2½d stamp created in honour of the opening of the first Union Parliament on November 4, 1910, bears an excellent full face portrait of his Majesty in robes of State, set in an ornate frame incorporating the arms of the four States of the Union, designed by Mr. H. S. Wilkinson, Distributor of Stamps at Pretoria. This stamp, beautifully printed from line-engraved plates by Messrs. De La Rue, was for a short time on sale at the High Commissioner's Office in London, where some 42,000 copies were disposed of between November 4 and 19, 1910.

Next in chronological sequence comes Rhodesia, whose attractive current series bears portraits by Downey both of his Majesty the King and of Queen Mary. They are handsomely produced by Messrs. Waterlow and Sons, of London-wall, and were first brought into use on November 11, 1910, on the occasion of the visit of the Duke and Duchess of Connaught to the British South Africa Company's dominion.

No further additions to the Georgian chronicle have to be recorded until the time of the Royal Coronation on June 22, 1911, when, simultaneously with the appearance of our own much criticized stamps of King George, Newfoundland came out with yet another portrait of the King in a series comprising portraits of all the members of the British Royal Family.

INDIA AND CANADA.

The great Coronation Durbar at Delhi was appropriately selected by the Indian Government as the occasion for the issue of their new Georgian postage stamps. Only the 1 anna value in the new type has as yet been received, but the issue of the 2 and 3 annas is imminent. In design the new stamp is simple and dignified, and is a great improvement upon the cur-

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rent Georgian stamps of Great Britain. A central lined oval encloses an excellent profile portrait of the King-Emperor facing to the left, clad in robes of State and wearing the Collar of the Garter and the Badge of the Order of the Bath, from a design by Mr. Bertram MacKennal, A. R. A., which it is understood was originally submitted to the British postal authorities. Representations of native carving relieve the solid groundwork of the frame, whilst the denomination 1 anna in white figures upon a solid disc of colour appears immediately below the portrait. The inscriptions read "India Postage and Revenue" across the top, and "One Anna" at the foot of the stamp in uncoloured sans-serif capitals. The stamp is printed in carmine by Messrs. De La Rue. Together with supplies of the 2 and 3 anna values, it was delivered to the Indian Stamp Department at Somerset House between October 25 and November 11, being finally issued, at Delhi only, on December 1, 1911. The sale of these stamps will be temporarily suspended on the departure of their Imperial Majesties from India, to permit of the exhaustion of existing stocks in the Edwardian designs.

The new postage stamps of the Dominion of Canada, which are either issued or about to be issued will have for their design a likeness of King George in the uniform of an Admiral in the British Navy. The stamps have been printed by the American Bank Note Company, of Ottawa, who hold the Canadian Government stamp printing contract. Early in 1911 a uniform design for a new King George postage stamp, which was recommended for adoption by all the self-governing Dominions, was submitted to the Postmaster-General of Canada bv the Imperial authorities, but was rejected in favour of a distinctive Canadian production.

The design chosen for the new 1d stamp of the Union of South Africa is an exceedingly happy one, showing an excellent full face portrait of King George V surmounted by a Royal crown and flanked by sprays of mealies encircled by a narrow white band inscribed with the designation of the Union in English and Dutch. In the two upper corners of the stamp are depicted a mail steamer and a mining shaft. It is the work of Mr. C. P. Immelmann, of Paarl, Cape Colony, and secured the first prize of £10 in the Government competition. Not so successful is the winning design in the Australian contest, executed by Mr. H. Altmann, of St. Kilda, Victoria, presenting an unconventional likeness of his Majesty in a coloured oval frame, with a Kangaroo on the left and an emu on the right. Shields emblazoned with the arms of the six states occupy the upper spandrels, whilst the value, 1d, is denoted in uncoloured figures upon small shields in the two lower corners. According to latest reports, it appears unlikely that the new Commonwealth postage stamps will be put in circulation before July 1, 1912; and a rumour is current to the effect that the King's head will not after all find place upon them, but will be discarded in favour of a typically Australian design, on account of the unsatisfactory reproductions of the Royal features that have been submitted. It is understood that the die will be engraved in England, but that the stamps themselves will be printed in Australia.

New Zealand's new postage stamps have been designed by Mr. Bertram MacKennal, and will also bear the imprint of the King's head, printed from steel engraved plates at the Government Printing Office, Wellington, and are due to appear about June next. A single type will be employed for all values with the exception of the ½d and 1d, for which the existing surface printed designs will continue in use.

Most of the British Crown Colonies and Protectorates will avail themselves of the new general key-plate provided by the Crown Agents for the Colonies, for which purpose Mr. MacKennal's portrait of his Majesty as shown on the new Indian stamps, but with the crown suspended above the head, has been adopted, and will be used in conjunction with a new frame design resembling that of the current 7d stamp of King Edward. None of the stamps printed from this new plate may be expected before March or April, 1912, as Messrs. De La Rue, the Colonial contractors, are working under great pressure producing new postage stamp series for a large number of the self-governing Colonies. Amongst the first of the new stamps of the Crown Colonies to be issued will be those of St. Helena and the Cayman Islands.

The new postage stamps of Barbados will bear the head of the Sovereign, for the first time in twenty years. It will, however, be shown in conjunction with the device of the official seal of the Colony (Queen Victoria in a chariot drawn by sea-horses), which has figured on the postal issues of the island since 1892. Jamaica will issue a 3d stamp with the counterfeit presentment of King George in March, 1912; whilst the Falkland Islands and Southern Nigeria will also be provided with Georgian postage stamps early in the year. The King George stamps of Ceylon will include the high values of R.20, R.50, R.100, and R.500, and will be inscribed "Postage and Revenue," being available for postal, fiscal, and telegraph purposes.

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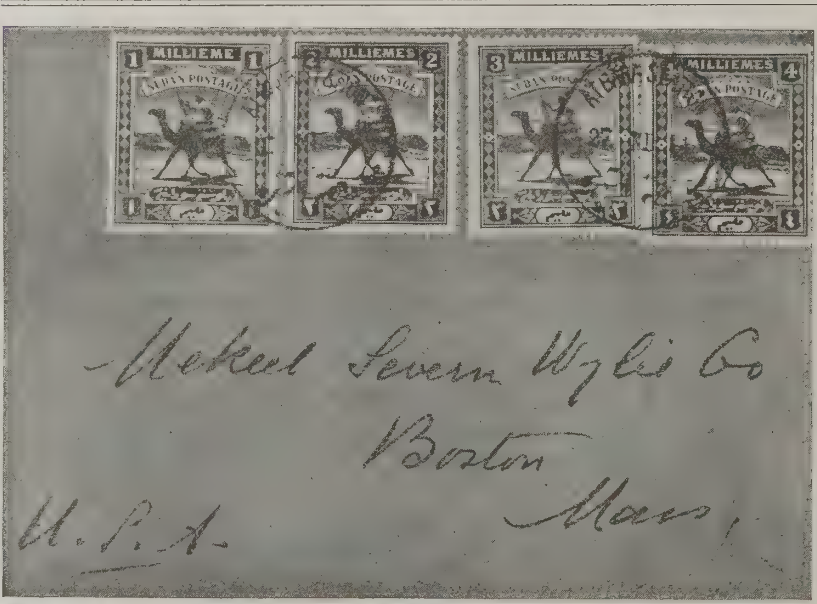

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A NEW ENVELOPE DIE—2c DIE E.

By L. G. BARRETT.

Marcus W. White of Worcester, Mass., has shown the WEEKLY what is apparently a new die in the 2c envelope and which will undoubtedly be designated as Die E.

The new Die E is very much like the so called Dayton Die D, as far as head is concerned, being more like the variety 3 of that die, showing the tapering front to bust, than any other. It does *not*, however, have the broad S's in the inscriptions, which were typical of all the Die D varieties. The front of bust tapers *slightly* with a *rounded* end opposite W of TWO whereas the Die D var. 3 had an *angular* end to the front of bust and pointed directly to the last stroke of W. A noticeable distinction in the new Die E is that the inner oval has been made *thinner* and the outer oval somewhat *heavier* than before, giving an entirely different appearance to the stamp as a whole.

Differences in the lettering are also noticed with perhaps the tall A with cross-bar low down, in STATES, being the most easily seen. The specimens seen have been all on size 13 white, with the watermark monogram USPOD 1911 in combination with the new low-cut knife. A good thing to look for on this same paper with the old knife, or on amber with the same watermark and either knife.

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By FRED J. MELVILLE.

There has long been a strong bond of union between the philatelists of the United States and the Junior Philatelic Society. The ceaseless activities of the Society, amongst other things, have appealed strongly to our friends in the States and have gained us many adherents in the great Republic. That we appreciate the compliment, goes without saying; the measure of our appreciation of it can only be gauged by our Oliver Twist-like appeal for more.

Probably few on this side watch the progression of philatelic activities in America so closely as do the leaders of the J. P. S., and it is certain nothing has given higher pleasure to our officials than the recent blossoming out of the American collectors into exhibitors—and prize-winners—at recent exhibitions in Europe. A number of our U. S. members have been amongst the recipients of high awards at Vienna and Turin during the past year, as well as at exhibitions elsewhere. The prospect is thus opened up—and we welcome it with the utmost cordiality—that the United States will be properly and extensively represented at the Junior Philatelic Society's Exhibition in the Royal Horticultural Hall, London, next October.

In the past our Exhibitions have been of a National or of an Imperial character. But the Society itself is no longer either metropolitan or national; it has become international so that it has been generally felt that our next Exhibition must likewise be International. Before it can be international in the best sense we must have the support not only of the philatelists of our own country and of the Empire; we must have the enthusiastic support of our kin in the lands of the Stars and Stripes.

Will that support be forthcoming from America—support of stamp collecting cousins who will send us their collections for exhibit, and even more welcome to us the support of their presence during the Red Letter Week of the J. P. S.—October 14-19, 1912?

That the general conditions are favourable to the fullest possible support being extended to us by our numerous members and friends in the States I have already shewn. It will further encourage our workers on both sides of the Atlantic if I give a few notes from my letter-bag shewing how the news of the Exhibition is being received by leading philatelists in the Republic.

George H. Worthington, the owner of the greatest collection in America, writes:—"I am very much pleased to accept your kind invitation to become a member of your Committee of Honour for the Junior Philatelic Society's London Exhibition," and he adds, "it is a little early to determine as to an exhibit, but I might say my present intention is to send something over."

C. Lathrop Pack, whose exhibits at Berne, Vienna, Buenos Aires, Sydney, etc., were so greatly admired and won their owner the highest awards, writes:—"I am, of course, glad to do all I can to help on the cause of Philately, and I also feel an interest in the work which you are doing."

John N. Luff, the author of the standard history and study of the postage stamps of the United States, in writing to promise to do his best to further the interests of the Exhibition among American collectors, concludes:—"With best wishes for the success of the Exhibition—though that is guaranteed in advance by being under the auspices of the J. P. S."

L. Harald Kjellstedt, our energetic Consul-General of the J. P. S. in America, assures us of his continued active support:—"I will do what I can to enliven the interest on this side," he writes.

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Willard O. Wylie, an unfailing friend to the Society throughout a long period, and Managing Editor of MEKEEL'S WEEKLY STAMP NEWS, writes enthusiastically about the Exhibition's prospects and promises his active support in giving it the widest possible publicity. He adds:—"There is no question but that American entries will be forthcoming and the WEEKLY will do all in its power to secure co-operation."

These are but the first fruits of our announcement in last month's *Stamp Lover* and if they be an index to the support which will be promised us from America the first great step towards International success is achieved. And no doubt the next few mails from the United States will add many distinguished names to our growing list of active supporters.—*Stamp Lover.*

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EDITORIAL.

Political—Nominations of officers to serve in the American Philatelic Society for the ensuing fiscal year have been called for by the secretary and while there are no indications at present that there will be any exciting campaign, yet no one is in a position to certify that sudden developments may not arise to give a fillip to the political situation. St. Louis very fittingly has endorsed the present efficient incumbent of the presidency, Mr. F. R. Cornwall; and Chicago likewise has named that gentleman as the head of its ticket. Mr. Cornwall has the executive as well as the "judicial temperament" and moreover he is one of the great philatelic students of the country. In this connection, it may be said that he has discovered certain schemes for plating the Sydney Views that must have an influence upon the accepted settings of the stamps; and in due time, the researches of Mr. Cornwall will be presented publicly, we take it, with the result that they will excite some sensational interest. The present secretary, Mr. W. H. Barnum, has made an ideal officer and if he will only accept the berth again, it is his. No doubt, the other officers, all of whom deserve well of the members from surface indications, will be renominated.

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Long Years Ago—In 1813, the extent of the post roads, in this country, roughly, was forty thousand miles. There was the main route, which started at Robbinstown, Maine, on the northeastern extremity of the sea coast, and ended at St. Mary's, Georgia, on the southeastern extremity of the United States, whose length was 1,668 miles. A second principal road led from Washington to New Orleans, measured 1,233 miles. Lateral or cross roads intersected the main routes, where necessary, and established communication with the state capitals and every other city, town or village of any importance. The mails were transported under contracts entered into with the postmaster-general; and one hundred years ago, there were about four hundred of these contracts. Between the great towns and commercial centers, there was a daily mail; a semi-weekly mail to those state capitals which were "not commercial" and a weekly service to other places. The usual rate of mail progress was forty miles a day on the cross roads and from sixty to one hundred and twenty miles in the twenty-four hour day between the business centers, but from Philadelphia to New York, Baltimore and Washington a greater speed was attained or an average of about seven miles an hour.

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That Catalogue—The Scott Stamp and Coin Company has issued an announcement in explanation of the delay in the issue of the new edition of the catalogue. We are interested in the statement as so many demands have been made on us for information that at times we imagine that it is thought that we are responsible for the delinquency. It seems that the work of revision, so thoroughly and exactingly attempted, did not proceed at the anticipated rate of progress but now that it has been maintained through Salvador, time has been called. From this point on through to end of the edition, only prices will be changed and the new issues added; and the subject matter will remain unaltered. This process of elimination, so to say, will facilitate the publication of the book but "even this will require some time." When once the catalogue is off the press a start will be made on the unrevised part "so that it may be ready in ample time for the 1913 edition." In having intercepted so many complaints that otherwise would have wounded the tender sensibilities of the publishers, we have suffered and even the consolation that it is sweet to suffer for one's catalogue does not wholly relieve our smarts.

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Telling Work—A place in the academy of the philatelic immortals, we may say in our enthusiasm, has been attained by Mr. Charles Lathrop Pack, by his brilliant achievement in original research work. The subject chosen for demonstration is the 100 reis, Brazil, 1894-97, which Mr. Pack has studied for many years. He tells of the transposition of heads in the bi-colored issue and of the use of five types of the 100, including heads borrowed from the 200, 500 and 700 reis, respectively. The results of Mr. Pack's analyses are such as to commend themselves to the stamp student and to illustrate to the average collector to what a pronounced degree the refinement of philatelic knowledge may reach. The fact that it is a common stamp that has yielded its secrets under Mr. Pack's inquiry makes his triumph all the more popular. Mr. Pack is a working philatelist indeed.

ANNUAL BANQUET OF THE C. P. S.

The annual banquet of the Chicago Philatelic Society, held on the evening of March 16th, 1912, was marked by a departure that proved to be an imposing and pleasant one. For the first time, ladies were invited to the annual celebration and so generous was the response that sixty ladies and gentlemen were in attendance. The committee having the banquet in charge, Messrs. Roterberg, Farnham, McDonald and Allin, provided a number of surprises that were well received. A bounteous floral display made the tables veritable "bowers of beauty;" and souvenirs, useful as well as ornamental were at the place of each guest. The toastmaster was Fred Michael, president of the society, who before introducing the speakers told of the spirit that actuated the members in following their pursuit so intently, at the same time not neglecting the social impulses that were calculated to sweeten philatelic associations.

C. E. Severn was delegated to welcome the visitors and E. M. Rosenthal gave an entertainment, "Why Men Leave Home," that was highly relished. His clever patter was well turned and he humorously combined philatelic suggestion with the broader interests of every-day life. The rapid-fire hits struck home and even the victims were compelled to join in the applause that Mr. Rosenthal's shots provoked.

C. J. Felsman, a talented magician performed sleight-of-hand marvels and Henry N. Mudge gave a chalk talk in which he accompanied the drawings with appropriate commentary. Henry Ades Fowler in an eloquent way dismissed the diners after an evening of unalloyed pleasure. The banquet which was served at the Hotel Bismarck was admirable in all its appointments and the menu was an excellent one. All the little details that enter into an affair of the kind were capably discharged. The music was by the Florentine orchestra.

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"Just prior to Dec. 1, 1911, the plates from which stamps were printed contained the letter 'A' the imprint 'Bureau of Engraving and Printing' and the plate number on the margin.

All plates made for postage stamps after Dec. 1, 1911, and until March 7, 1912, did not have the imprint 'Bureau of Engraving and Printing' on them but did have the letter 'A' and the plate number. All plates made after March 7, 1912, will have only the plate number upon them, the letter 'A' being discontinued on that date.

Since Dec. 1, 1911, there have been 117 plates of the latter character made, of different denominations of postage stamps, principally of the 1-cent and 2-cent denominations. No tabulated record has been kept of the number of each denomination printed from these plates. To make a tabulation of the number of sheets of each denomination printed from them would require the services of at least two clerks for over thirty days.

In reply to your query as to the significance of the letter 'A' on the sheets with the plate number, I beg to say that prior to Jan. 14, 1909, all plates from which postage stamps were printed were made with uniform spaces between the stamps. After the above date the vertical spaces were graduated from narrow ones in the middle to wide ones on each side of the plate and the star was placed on the margin of the plate to indicate the above change from the uniform spaces.

On Nov. 15, 1910, another gauge was used which gives uniform spaces but wider ones than those used prior to Jan. 14, 1909, and this is known as the 'A' gauge.

The reason for the change to the graduated spaces and afterward to the uniform spaces wider than those on the plates prior to Jan. 14, '09, was to allow for the expansion and contraction of the paper, which had been wet for printing and afterward dried out so that in perforating the stamps the perforating wheels would not cut into the stamps themselves. It was believed that the change from the graduated to even but wider spaces than were originally made would effect the desired purpose better than the graduated spaces, and experience has demonstrated this to be a fact."

Commenting upon this letter Mr. Caudell states that on Jan. 16, he bought a strip of the new 10-cent with Plate Number A5784 with imprint. He writes, "The above letter is not quite clear as it says 'all plates made after Dec. 1, 1911 were without the imprint." We can reconcile the appearance of the 10-cent as indicated with the Department utterance by pointing out that the plate was no doubt made prior to Dec. 1, '11. The information contained in the above letter will be read with interest by U. S. specialists and we are grateful to Mr. Caudell for his co-operation.

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UNITED STATES.—Howard C. Buttermore reports having found the current 5c postage due stamp on paper watermarked small single lined letters. The 1c, 2c, 5c and 10c values have now been reported.

George S. Chapman shows us specimens of the various minor varieties of the 2c Columbian stamps, especially those showing colorless dots and lines around the figures of value. He also shows a very fine specimen of the variety, with the double line at the right.

Frank C. Davis shows us a letter from France upon which the postage was insufficiently paid, and therefore the Postmaster of Buffalo added postage due stamps to the value of eight cents. The peculiarity of these was that they were all precancelled and in three different types.

Geo. H. Scharr sends us a specimen copy of the new 2-cent stamp with numerals in the Schermack perforations. It was used by the firm of P. Lorillard Co., Jersey City, N. J.

AZORES.—The 2½r of the Vasco de Gama has been exhausted and the postal authorities have been obliged to supply the deficiency with 5r stamps cut diagonally in halves. We are not yet able to give more definite information regarding the particular issues so used.

BAVARIA.—Mr. Schachne shows us the 10pf card with 1910 stamp but with date "11." Also a 5pf like last year's card with the March 12 stamp, but new date "12." This latter has also an eight line red imprint at upper left advertising a 1912 business exhibition under the patronage of the Prince Regent Luitpold, apparently to run from May to October.

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GILBERT AND ELLIS ISLANDS.—The *Australian Stamp Journal* announces that stamps are in preparation of the 5d, 6d and 1sh values with portrait of King George V. They will not be ready, however, for five or six months.

NETHERLANDS.—*Maury's Le Collectionneur* says that the 5ct postage due stamp has appeared in a single color, and it is altogether likely that the other values will be treated in the same way.

Postage Due Adhesive.

5c ultramarine.

NEW ZEALAND.—The new series of stamps, with portrait of King George V has been ordered, and will appear in about six months.

NICARAGUA.—Hermann Focke has shown us the other values in the Goddess of Liberty set, including the 3c, which was supposed to have been cornered. All are in the type of the low values, previously chronicled and illustrated, the 35c value being the only one in a special design. The latter has been used very rarely, as about the time of its issue, the rate of postage was raised to 50c, so that there is actually no use for the 35c value. Therefore, Mr. Focke thinks, it would not be surprising if it were withdrawn, or possibly surcharged with a new value,—by the way quite a familiar practice in that country! Mr. Focke is informed that there is to be no special set for domestic postage, and the official set is not yet out, therefore the postal authorities continue to produce provisional stamps for official use. The latest novelty of this kind is the familiar 1c railroad stamp, surcharged "Timbre Fiscal—Vale 10 ctvs." on the face for revenue purposes, and on the reverse, "Vale—15cts—Correo—de 1911". This stamp has now been surcharged again on the face, "Correo oficial—Vale—50 cts.—1911." To avoid its illegitimate use as a 15c stamp, the value on the back has been obliterated by a heavy bar.

Adhesives.

3c orange brown.
15c violet.
20c orange red.
50c blue.
1p orange.
2p dark green.
5p black.

Frank C. Davis shows us used copies of the provisional "35cts" on 1p: yellow-brown fiscal stamp, one of which shows the spelling "Corre" instead of "Correos."

PERU.—C. E. Thomas writes as follows: "In December last we received in the regular course of business, a letter from Peru on which the postage was prepaid in the current un centavo Deficit stamps. A block of ten was used and cancelled: 'Correos del Peru—18 Nov. 1911—Paita.'

In order to be assured that these stamps were legally used to prepay postage, I wrote to the Postmaster at Paita, Peru, and have now received his reply which I translate as follows:

'In reply to your letter of the 15th of January beg to inform you that the déficit stamps used for postage were so used because the stock of postage stamps was exhausted here and in such cases, it is necessary to make use of the deficit stamps.'

I do not find any mention of these stamps being so used, in any of the catalogues, and would like to know what is the status of the deficit stamps used on this letter to prepay postage."

The above would seem to establish the the fact that these stamps were used to prepay regular postage, and therefore as worthy of a place in the catalogue as the numerous varieties of fiscal "used for postage."

PORTUGAL.—Apparently we were in error in stating that the unit of value for the new currency of the republic was "Centimos," though our statement was made on the authority of *Ewen's Weekly*. We note that all our foreign contemporaries are now unanimous in giving "Centavos" as the unit of value.

ST. PIERRE ET MIQUELON.—Mr. Schachne shows us the new value letter card of precisely same design as the previous issue. Name in blue, not dated.

Letter Card.

10 (c) red on rose tinted gray.

TONGA.—Mr. Schachne shows us a letter card which looks like London made, as the paper, folding, perf., size and part of type are like the blue English letter card. The stamp is same size as that on the card but has a vignette in an upright oval. "1½d" is in oblong ovals in each lower corner and "TOGA" at top. There are two simple headlines "Tonga—Letter Card." Below the lower perf. is "To open the letter card," etc. The reverse has two lines of instructions.

Unlike the card, which was evidently made for advertising, this has no sign of anything of the sort.

Letter Card.

1½d lilac-red on blue, 140x90; Perf. III.

10	**No'rn Nigeria** 1902, ½p vl. & grn.	.08	.04
11	1902, 1p violet & carmine	.10	.05
12	" 2p violet & orange	.20	.10
13	" 2½p violet & ultra	.20	.10
14	" 5p violet & brown	.45	.20
15	" 6p violet & purple	.75	.40
16	" 1sh green & black	1.50	.75
17	" 2sh 6p green & ultra	3.00	1.60

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U. S. PART-PERFORATES.

We have received an official word as to U. S. stamps issued in coils and give herewith the information furnished by the Department. These stamps have been issued as follows:—

1c perforated endwise and sidewise.
2c perforated endwise and sidewise.
3c perforated sidewise.
4c perforated sidewise.
5c perforated endwise and sidewise.
10c perforated sidewise.

We are further informed that only the 1c, 2c and 3c values have been issued in perforated coils with the present watermark.

NEWS GLEANINGS.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from O. D. Owen, F. M. Mason.

—We have received a review copy of a "Check List of the Precancelled Postage Stamps of Canada." It is compiled by S. M. Schoemann of St. Louis, Mo. The various types are fully described and all in all the list will be found a very handy one for all collectors of precancelled stamps.

—J. A. Galbraith informs us that Virgin Islands 2d 1904 is now obsolete. The number issued of the 2d value was small in comparison with the others.

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DENMARK, New 20 ore, ultramarine........	.08
ICELAND, 1e Embossed type........	.02
THIBET, 3p on 1c, ½a on 2c, on China........per pair	.06
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1-78 avos " Complete set	3.00
MOZAMBIQUE CO., 2½-100r "	.54
2½-700r " Complete set	3.00
MOZAMBIQUE, Postage due " Complete set	1.44
PORTUGUESE GUINE, Overprinted "Republica" Postage due Complete set	1.44
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2½-700r " Complete set	3.00
MACAU, Postage due " Complete set	1.44
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ZAMBESIA, 2½-100r " ....Set	.54
2½-700r " Complete set	3.00
PORTUGAL ON MADEIRA, Vasco de Gama 2½-100r Overprinted "Republica"........Set	.36
2½-1000r " Complete set	1.50
80r	.12
NYASSA, Pictorial, 2½-500r Overprinted "Republica" ....Complete set	2.04
BR. SOMALILAND, 12a chalk paper........	.28
LIECHTENSTEIN, 5h, 10h, 25h........Set	.12
LEVANT, Harrison printing, 15x14, 1 piastre........	.06
FRENCH MOROCCO, New surcharge 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 35, 50c, 1F........Set of 10	.60
MALTA, 4d vermilion on orange........	.10
LEVANT, 1d King George, first type........	.04
CANADA, King George, 1c, .02; 2c, .04; 5c, .08; 7c, .10, 10c, .14; 20c, .26; 50c........	.56
FIJI, 5sh green on yellow........	1.38
VICTORIA, 1d Wmk. Crown & A sideways........	.08
ARGENTINE, Sower type, ½c, .02; 1c, .02; 2c, .02; 5c, .04; 12c, .08........Set	.18
SWEDEN, 2 ore orange........	.02
JAMAICA, 4d orange on yellow........	.12
LEVANT, Harrison printing, 30 paras........	.04
BRITISH HONDURAS, 25c black on green........	.30
ST. HELENA, 4d black & orange........	.12
SWEDEN, 20 ore........	.08
30 ore........	.10
GERMAN EMPIRE, 3M watermarked........	.90
PAPUA, 6d orange........	.16
MALTA, 2d grey........	.06
BRUNEI, 2c black & brown........	.04
BRAZIL, 600r green........	.26
GERMAN EMPIRE, 60p violet........	.18

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OUR REVIEW.

Bright's Catalog, 1912.—Published by Bright & Son, 164 Strand, London, Eng., price 70c post free. It is with pleasure that we review the 9th edition of this comprehensive catalog. Part I before us is devoted to adhesives only, Part II being given over to post cards, envelopes, wrappers, etc., (Part II is sold for 42c, the complete catalog of 1200 pages selling for $1.00 post free). We have strong words of praise for the "A. B. C." Catalog, giving as it does full information in regard to varieties of watermark, type, perforations, etc. There are nearly 7,000 illustrations in the book. The United States section is represented by some profusely illustrated pages that will delight the eye of collectors of U. S. stamps.

The feature of the two previous editions, namely a continued increase in the prices of many stamps, has been maintained in this latest edition. The publishers claim that this is justified.

That the book is thoroughly up-to-date is shown in the fact that the Chinese stamps surcharged for use in Tibet are catalogued in their proper alphabetical position. The book is tastily bound in a brown cloth and its 900 pages will prove a treasure house to serious philatelists.

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THE PHILATELIC INSURGENT.

We have received Vol. I No. 1 of a publication under the above title from Portland, Ore. Its motto is "A free lance, devoted to the interests of the long-suffering collector who endures much." The editor is Archie Moonlight while the business manager and custonian of kicks is Percy Sunbeam. The subscription price is 5c per copy, payable on receipt of the same, which insures the receipt of the next number on the same terms.

We are advised that "first class kicks that are brief and to the point are always welcome, for which we will pay the compliments of the season."

We handle this initial number rather gingerly as it may land on us in an early number. The *Insurgent* is out for business. We make no charge for this advertisement.

A7 AND A8 CONFEDERATE STATES.

J. H. Lyons of the New England Stamp Co., kindly favors us with specimens of these two stamps and calls our attention to the fact that the difference between the two stamps may be easily noted by comparing the pair just above the neck in the two types. In A7 the hair is curled and in A8 straight. Collectors should paste this item of information where it will stick. The difference noted by Mr. Poole on page 92 may also be found on the two stamps submitted.

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Meetings first (informal) and third (regular) Tuesdays, Room 322, Tremont Bdg., 7.30 P. M.

BOSTON, MASS., March 19, 1912.

The 266th (regular) meeting of the society was held at the Club Room this evening with Pres. Nevin in the chair and 42 members and friends present.

In the absence of the Secretary the International Secretary served *pro tem.*

The following was presented:—

Library Committee Report, March, 1912.

Received by donation:—"Chats on Postage Stamps" by F. J. Melville from the author; Eugene Klein's 8th Sale priced catalog, from Mr. Klein; and the current numbers of the following magazines generously contributed by the publishers:—Gibbon's Monthly, Postage Stamp, MEKEEL'S WEEKLY, Stamp Journal, Berliner Briefmarken-Zeitung, Redfield's Weekly, Philatelic Journal of Great Britain, Scott Stamp & Coin Co. Circular, Philatelic Gazette, Roessler's Stamp News, Collectors' Journal and New England Stamp Monthly.

Resignations were received and accepted from Nos. 499 and 524.

The following applications were posted:

Paul Schwank, proposed by J. M. Bartels.

William E. Field, proposed by Chas. S. Hill.

William C. Polk, proposed by W. D. Savary.

The following were elected members:
No. 555. Eugene Klein.
No. 556. George D. Nichols.

The question concerning the Library funds, postponed from the last meeting, was disposed of.

The following amendment to the Statutes was proposed by Mr. Dunning:

ART. IX. Strike out all previous to Sec. 5 and substitute:—

"Sec. 1. The Stamp Bourse shall be in charge of a Supt. of Bourse who shall receive, from members only, stamps mounted on official Bourse sheets and offer the same for sale at the Bourse, which may be held at each regular meeting.

"Sec. 2. The Supt. may make such rules as he deems necessary for the conduct of the Bourse, subject to the approval of the Governing Board, and is authorized to make announcements through the Official Journal, to print necessary matter relating to the Bourse and to send any copies of such matter with the regular notices of meetings.

"Sec. 3. The Society shall pay all expenses for printing circulars, Bourse sheets, and any other items necessary for properly conducting the Bourse.

"Sec. 4. The Supt. shall charge a commission of ten per cent. (10%) on all sales of which one-half shall be paid the Society, and shall supply the official Bourse sheets to members only at one cent per sheet, which amount shall be turned over to the Society."

PHILIP WOLFF, Sec. pro tem.

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Cat. No.		Cat. price.	Ours
	Cyprus		
18	1882-84, ½d green........	.04	.02
19	" ½d "	.60	.35
* 32	1896, 30pa violet and green	.08	.06
* 33	" 1pia rose and ultra	.10	.07
* 34	" 2pia ultra and maroon....	.18	.12
* 38	1903, ½pi green and carmine...	.12	.09
* 39	" 30pa purple and green....	.12	.09
54	1904, 9pia brown and carmine..	.35	.20
* 58	1907-08, 5pa bistre and black....	.02	.02
* 59	" 10pa orange and green ..	.02	.02
	Straits Settlements		
* 43	1883, 8c orange	1.00	.65
	Transvaal		
*178	1900, V.R.I. ½d green	.04	.03
*179	" " 1d rose and green..	.06	.04
*180	" " 2d brown " "	.08	.06
*181	" " 2½d ultra " "	.10	.08
*182	" " 3d red vl't " "	.15	.10
*183	" " 4d olive " "	.18	.15
*184	" " 6d violet " "	.25	.18
*185	" " 1sh bistre " "	.50	.38
*186	" " 2sh 6d helit'pe & gr'n	1.25	1.00
*187	" " 5sh slate blue	7.50	4.85
*188	" " 10sh red brown.....	5.00	3.25
*214	1901-2, E.R.I. ½d green........	.12	.09
*215	" " 1d rose and green	.06	.04
*216	" " ½ on 2d br & gr'n	.05	.03
*217	" " 3d red vl't & "	.15	.12
*218	" " 4d olive & "	.20	.15
244	1904-06, 2sh yel & bl'k, post. used	..	.75
245	" 5sh vl't " "	..	1.00
247	" 10sh " " "	..	1.85
253	1909-10, 2sh 6d bl'k&red vl't "	..	.45
	Northern Nigeria		
16	1902, 1sh green and black	1.00	.55
	Tobago		
14	1883-84, ½d brown violet	.60	.35
* 19	1885-94, ½d yellow green	.05	.03
* 20	" 1d rose........	.06	.04
* 21	" 4d gray	.18	.12
	India **Superb Picked used copies**		
51	1895, 3r green & brown (Queen)	.50	.28
52	" 5r violet & blue "	1.50	.80
71	1902-04, 2r brown & rose (King)	.30	.18
72	" 3r green & brown "	.60	.40
73	" 5r violet & blue "	1.25	.65
77	1909, 10r pink & green "	2.00	1.15
78	" 15r olive gray & blue "	3.00	1.60
	South Australia		
142a	1904-08, 10sh green	..	1.85
155	1906-07, 1sh dark brown	.10	.05
	East Africa and Uganda		
* 17	1904-07, ½a gray green	.08	.06
* 18	" 1a scarlet and black ...	.08	.06
25	" 1r gray green	..	.28
26	" 2r violet and dull violet	..	.45
	Niger Coast		
* 49	1897, ½d yellow green........	.06	.04
* 50	" 1d vermilion........	.06	.04
* 51	" 2d carmine	.12	.09
* 52	1898, 2½d blue	.12	.09
* 53	" 6d yellow brown........	.50	.35
* 56	1900, 5d deep violet	.40	.30
* 57	" 1sh black	.85	.65
	Mauritius		
* 47	1876-77, ½ on 10d claret	.60	.40
	Newfoundland		
* 28	1866, 13c orange	1.25	.90
* 53	1890-95, 6c carmine lake	.25	.18
* 80	1898 99, ½c olive	.02	.01
* 81	" 1c yellow green	03	.02
* 82	" 2c vermilion	.08	.06
* 83	" 3c orange	.06	.04
* 84	" 5c blue	.09	.07
	Seychelles		
* 19	1896, 36 on 45 brown & carmine	1.75	1.10
29	1901, 3 on 10 blue and brown ...	.25	.15
31	" 3 on 36 brown & carmine	.20	.12
	Papua		
* 9	1907, ½d yellow green........	.10	.07
* 10	" 1d carmine and black.....	.10	.08
	Trinidad		
60	1878, 1sh orange yellow	1.50	.75

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Cat. No.		Cat. price.	Ours
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10	1893, 2d green	$2.00	$1.00
	Western Australia		
28	1864, 6d violet	2.00	1.00
	Orange River Colony		
11 (S.G.)	1877, 4d on 6d rose.....	10.00	4.75
21 "	1881, 1d on 5sh green..	3.75	1.50
6 (Scott's)	1877, 4d on 6d rose.....	3.50	1.75
* 26	1890-91, 1d on 4d ultra........	1.50	1.15
* 2a	1868, 6d carmine rose (1890)	2.50	1.25
*40d	1896, ½d on 3d ultra........	3.00	1.75
* 50	1900, 6d carmine rose V.R.I. ...	7.50	4.00
* 53	" 5sh green "	2.25	1.75
	St. Helena		
* 14	1864-68, 1d red	7.50	4.25
16	" 3d violet........	1.75	1.00
* 24	" 4d carmine	4.00	2.50
* 28	1871, 1d red........	1.25	.95
* 30	" 3d violet	6.00	3.50
31	" 1sh green	2.00	1.00
	Br. Columbia & Vancouver		
9	1868, 5c bright red........	5.00	2.75
	St. Vincent		
* 48	1883-88, 4d lake brown........	2.50	1.65
* 51	1885-91, 1d on 2½d lake........	2.00	1.35
	New Zealand		
98	1899-1900, 5sh vermilion	2.00	1.10
	St. Christopher		
* 18	1885-86, 4d on 6d green	9.00	4.75
* 20	1887-90, 1d on 2½ ultra	6.00	3.75
	Br. E. Africa		
32	1891-94, ½a on 3a red........	5.00	2.75
	Natal		
58	1874-78, 4d brown (Perf. 12½)...	2.50	1.50
	Newfoundland		
1	1857, 1d brown violet	5.00	2.75
	Cape of Good Hope **Issued in Mafeking**		
164	1900, 3d on 1d carmine	3.00	1.75
167	" 1d on ½ vermilion	1.75	1.00
169	" 6d on 2d green & carmine	3.00	1.65
178	" 1d blue........	2.50	1.40
	All are fully guaranteed		
	New South Wales		
40a	1860, 6d violet	4.00	2.25
	Niger Coast		
30 (S. G.)	1893, 1sh in violet on 2d ..	6.25	3.50
	New Republic		
* 52	1887, 5sh violet (yellow)........	6.50	3.00
	Victoria		
18	1854-58, 1sh blue (cut close).....	2.00	1.00
119	1867-78, 1sh " V and crown..	3.75	2.00
	Transvaal		
* 61	1878-79, 1d red........	7.50	3.75
* 62	" 3d lilac........	10.00	5.75
* 69	1879, 1d red (orange)........	6.00	3.25
* 69a	" 1d " (yellow)	7.50	4.50
	Rhodesia		
* 9	1891, 2sh 6d lilac	2.50	1.40
10	" 5sh yellow	3.00	1.50
* 22	" 3sh brown and green	2.50	1.75
12	" £1 blue	12.50	6.00
15	" £10 brown	..	10.00

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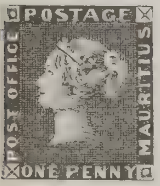
WITH THE BOY PHILATELIST.

Edited by BERTRAM W. H. POOLE, Box 231, Altadena, Calif.

We propose to insert upon this page matter that will be of interest to the boy collector. Some two thousand boys are now on our mailing list and it is our desire to come closely in contact with them in such a manner as will be most helpful. Any information desired will be cheerfully rendered through these columns. Do not submit stamps for examination.

INTERESTING RARE STAMPS.



THE POST OFFICE MAURITIUS.

Among the really rare stamps known to philatelists none are more popular than the famous 1d and 2d labels which formed the first issue for the British colony of Mauritius. These stamps are generally known as the "Post Office" Mauritius owing to the fact that they were inscribed "POST OFFICE" instead of "POST PAID" as in the case of the following issues. Though they are by no means the rarest stamps in point of numbers they can easily lay claim to being the most expensive. Their fame is almost universal and they are almost as well known to outsiders as they are to members of the philatelic fold. This is largely due to the newspaper publicity given to the magnificent unused specimen of the 2d value found in 1903 and acquired by His Majesty King George V for the record sum of $7,250.00 at public auction.

Mauritius was the first of the Colonies to follow the lead of the mother country in issuing adhesive postage stamps these two famous "Post Office" labels appearing on September 21st, 1847. Their existence was, however, not known to philatelists in Europe until 1865 and although their rarity was recognized from the first the value to which these stamps would ultimately rise was not dreamed by even the most enthusiastic collector of those times.

Some time during 1846 the postal authorities of Mauritius decided to emulate the example of Great Britain by issuing postage stamps but difficulty was found in obtaining such articles locally. Mr. J. Barnard, a watch-maker in business at Port Louis, who had some slight knowledge of engraving, was approached on the matter and on Nov. 12th he submitted an estimate from which we learn he agreed to engrave plates for producing the 1d and 2d stamps for $25 each, while his charge for printing the labels was to be $2.50 per 1000. His estimate was accepted and though the cost of printing seems high compared with the modest 18c per 1000 charged by Perkins Bacon & Co. for printing the stamps of the same colony in 1854 it was not really so when the tedious method of production is considered. The "plate" for each value contained one impression only so the stamps had to be printed one at a time! The process was so laborious that after printing the first 1000 stamps Mr. Barnard abandoned it and engraved new plates capable of printing 12 stamps at a time. These were inscribed "POST PAID."

In a letter dated September 20th, 1847 written by the Colonial Postmaster to the Colonial Secretary the stamps are stated to be "now ready for issuing" and they were placed on sale the following day. The stamps were engraved on small copper plates and it is fairly evident that the British stamps of 1840 formed the "pattern". In the center is a crude profile portrait of Queen Victoria with head to left; at the top is "POSTAGE"; at the base, the value; on the left, "POST OFFICE;" and on the right, "MAURITIUS". The upper left and lower right angles are filled with stars while the other two corners contain small crosses. The stamps were in use for a few days only and most of them were used by Lady Gomm, wife of the then Governor of the island, in sending out invitations to a ball held at Government House.

Of the thousand "Post Office" stamps originally issued, 26 have survived to the present day. Of these fourteen are the 1d and 12 are the 2d. Only two unused copies of the 1d are known while five of the 2d exist in this state including the finest specimen of the lot—the one in the famous collection of King George V.

The first known copies of the 1d and 2d were purchased by the late M. J. B. Moens in October, 1865, from a young collector of Bordeaux, France. They had previously belonged to a lady collector in the same town but she exchanged them for two Uruguay stamps preferring the latter because her Lallier album provided spaces for them, whereas the Mauritius, being unknown, had no spaces provided for them. These were sold to the late Judge Philbrick and when the latter sold his stamps in 1882 the Mauritius passed Herr Phillip von Ferrary.

In 1866, Mme. Desbois, of Bordeaux, found an unused specimen of the 2d which was sold to M. Lalanne.

In March, 1868, a used 1d was discovered by a merchant of Port Louis. In 1870 it was purchased by M. Moens who later sold it to M. A. de Rothschild. What eventually became of this one I do not know.

In 1869 a Port Louis collector had a used 2d. In 1889 this specimen was in the hands of the late M. Ch. Roussin and after changing owners several times in a few years it was acquired by the late M. Paul Mirabaud. This is the specimen Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. had on exhibition at their stall at the London Exhibition of 1890. The price asked for it was only $1000 but the collectors of that day laughed at the idea of giving such a sum for one stamp. Times have indeed changed since then!

In November, 1869, M. Moens had another 2d and in the following January he had a 1d. Both were sold to the late Dr. Legrand and he in turn disposed of them to the late M. Jules Bernichon in 1897. What has become of these two I have been unable to discover.

Late in 1869 M. Moens obtained unused copies of both values and selling them to M. Perinelle he re-purchased them a year later and they then passed into the famous Ferrary collection.

In 1870 the M. Lalanne referred to above acquired three more "Post Offices", from the same Mme. Desbois so that he was the happy possessor of both values used and unused. In 1893 the unused ones were purchased by Messrs. Stanley Gibbons Ltd. and sold by that firm to the late Sir W. B. Avery for $3,900. What has become of them since the Avery collection was dispersed by Mr. Peckitt I do not know. The used 1d and 2d were sold to M. Moens in 1896.

On Sept. 16th, 1872, M. Moens had another used 2d and this was purchased by M. A. de Rothschild.

Three years later M. Moens had an unused copy of the 2d which he sold to Herr von Ferrary. In 1886 this was exchanged by Herr von Ferrary with the late Mr. T. K. Tapling for some Indian States stamps. This specimen now reposes in the British Museum.

(To be concluded.)

Several replies and further notes re Guatemala are held over until next week.

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(*Contributed by Chas. E. Jenney.*)

I think the discussion of stamps hard to get an excellent idea and Mr. Wainwright's initial entry leads me to follow.

Concerning the stamps he mentions I had no difficulty in getting Bavaria Nos. 107, 108, 110 and 112, but he evidently overlooked what I consider the scarcest of all No. 114. I have every Bavaria called for in Scott's catalogue except No. 1 and No. 114. The former evidently overruns its catalogue price in auctions for I have bid on many. The latter I have never seen offered anywhere.

In regard to his Bolivia No. 46 perforated 14½ he is perfectly correct in regarding it as hard to get. It has been on my want list for years and I have never seen a copy and begun to doubt its existence. The thin paper and the "A" shades correspond with these perf. 14½ as he supposes.

France No. 133 is scarce for a common stamp but I have lately run across several.

Now for a few of my own; to start early in the alphabet, Anjouan No. 15, a despised French Colony catalogued 15c is not to be had for love or money. Annam & Tonquin No. 8 appears to be unseen among the large stock of the world. Baden Nos. 32, 33, 34 and 37 disappeared from sight early if they were ever common, and New Zealand No. 128 seems as scarce as a great auk' egg.

(*Contributed by A. N. Caudell.*)

Possibly this may not come under the scope of your inquiry, but nevertheless it may prove of interest to your readers. I would like you to give the reason why some stamps of which only a few are available are not so valuable as other stamps of which twice as many or more can be located. For example, I recently purchased a strip of three 1903 2-cent flag type imperforate horizontally. As set forth in the WEEKLY a few years ago, but seventeen of these were found and they are now in four collections, two blocks of six, one strip of three and one pair. For this strip of three I paid $25.00 but a like mint strip of some equally rare stamp would bring ten times that amount. Why?

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(*Contributed by W. C. Estes.*)

Your suggestion of stamps "Hard-to-get" under $2.00, in my opinion, covers too great a field.

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(*Contributed by Wm. Bloss.*)

In submitting this list Mr. Bloss pays special attention to twentieth century stamps, and in general used stamps are no doubt referred to:—

Belgium 1905, 2 franc, used.
1902-6, 15c Postal Packet stamps.
Bermuda 1908-10, ½d single color, mult.
Brazil 1906 issue, entire series, wmk.
Brunei 1907, 5c blue and black, mult.
Bulgaria 1901, 15st cannon type.
Canal Zone 1906, 2c surcharge read'g up.
Denmark 1901-2, 15 ore.
Denmark 1905, 50, 100 ore.
Dominica 1907, 6d multiple, old colors.
Germany 1902, 2 mark (first type, with rays).
Greece 1902, all values of set.
India Patiala Off., 3a king.
Jamaica, 2 shilling, mult. wmk., old color.
Jamaica, 1911, 4 pence, black on yellow.
Japan 1905, 3 sen, 1906, 1½s, 3s, 1st type.
Panama 1906-7, 25c, 50c.
Southern Nigeria 1907-8, 3d multiple wmk., old colors.
Saint Vincent 1909, varieties without dots under "d".
Switzerland 1907, 2c.
Turks and Caicos Is., 1905-8, 3d, mult. wmk., ship type.
Uruguay 1908, Jubilee series, picture fleet.

(*Contributed by C. J. A. Utermark.*)

I agree with J. A. Wainwright regarding Bavaria Delivery Tax Nos. 107, 108, 110 and 112. Bolivia No. 46, 100c brown rose perf. 14½, I am also looking for, in place of perf. 13½ I have. But I have Bolivia No. 45, 50c blue perf. 14½, that is watermarked double lined 10 or the letters IO. I had several France No. 133, 10c red ground under feet, but have only 2 copies left.

But here are a few "Hard to Get Stamps" that I am fishing for:

Belgium No. 208—15c gray postal packet. I have seen several in other collections, but so far I have failed to land one for my own.

Bolivia No. 80—20c orange and black. I have heard there was such a stamp, but dealers do not carry such in stock in fine or any used condition, but I should like to get a hold of a used copy to fill my set.

Brazil Nos. 172 and 173—100 rose and 200 blue. I need them, for that page in my album shows blank spaces. I have seen several, but I could not get them for love nor money.

Bulgaria Nos. 53 and 54—5s carmine and 15s yellow. I have heard that there were enough issued to go around, but who has all the used ones? I could take care of a few. Or Bulgaria Nos. 70, 71 and 72, the Shipka Pass issue. I have been in the market several years for a set of genuine used, but all dealers I have asked for them are *just* out of stock.

Chili No. 64—1p bronze green and black used. As near as I ever came to getting one of these was about two years ago when I tried to talk Major J. M. T. Partello out of one, but someone else got ahead of me. I do not know why dealers are out of stock.

Denmark No. 36—10o carmine with the small figures, which Scott gives used at $2.00 and Stanley Gibbons slightly less, is a stamp that I have seen once, but not in my album. I should like to get a good copy.

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whole set? I was several years in getting it. While both Scott and Stanley Gibbons show these stamps as being unwatermarked, I have three of this set watermarked crown and E. T.

Italy No. 39—30c brown does not seem to be so very plentiful, judging by the time it took me to get a fairly decent used copy.

Siam No. 117—14s on 12a blue. It is given in the catalogs, but I noticed when in Chicago last summer, that even specialists in this country had not seen one. Scott prices it at 20c; I would not ask my dealer friend for 50% off if he could furnish one.

Switzerland No. 87—40c gray perf. 9½, is a stamp I have a "want sign" out for. Have so far been unable to even get one on the other side of the Big Pond.

Venezuela Nos. 212 to 216 inclusive also Nos. 220 to 222 inclusive do not seem to be dealers' favorites. I wasted a good deal of time before getting them.

New Zealand No. 79—8p blue unwatermarked. I was not the only collector in Seattle looking for this stamp. I finally found one last summer, but I am looking for a better copy.

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Another thing: A collector becomes interested in maps. There are some lovely maps now and then in the illustrated papers. I saw one the other day with the mountainous parts thrown up into relief, and I understood at once what the country was like and how the principal towns were situated.

Some stamps are missionaries. An unused 1c value comes one's way; it is attractive; the collector thinks he may as well have it. Presently he comes across a used copy of the 10c; well, he already has the 1c, therefore the two stamps join company. Then there naturally follows a desire to possess others of the set, until there finally comes a more earnest quest for the higher values. That original 1c stamp was the beginning of it all. And so may it ever be.

The 25c Venezuela, 1910, oblong pictorial, may now be met with, and should be looked out for. The official stamps of this country are nice. Of these the 25c value seems more readily found than others of the set. Some of the stamps for inland postage bear a perforation through the centre of the stamp. Is this a form of cancellation?

Recent pictorial stamps of Uruguay are attractive, the various "bulls", "winged warriors" and "man-headed horses" being in good demand. A high price has been noted for the 5c commemorative of 1911, and for the 2c and 5c pictorial of 1910. The regular issue of 1910 is getting into circulation.

Current Danish West Indies are usually nicely centred, and bear acceptable cancellations, although some of the middle values are more numerous than others.

The 5c Canal Zone, 1909, with "reading down" seems a scarcer stamp than the variety with "reading up." The three shades of the 5c, of 1906, are easily identified and look well side by side.—*Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly*.

OUR REVIEW.

Postage Stamps of Grenada.—By Alexander A. Sefi. Upon opening this latest handbook we are greeted with a full page plate of the Dec. 1890 1d on 2sh orange, showing a complete sheet with inverted surcharge, but this is not the only illustration of its kind. No less than five plates occupy full pages, to say nothing of illustrations of single stamps, blocks of four and watermarks scattered through the book. This contribution upon the part of Mr. Sefi, is one of permanent value to philatelic literature and is written in such a manner as to be of interest to all classes of collectors. The book is published by D. Field, uniform with the other books of the "W. E. P." series. Price 14c post free.

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Under this heading we desire to publish all the news from the various philatelic centers Correspondents' names will be given unless prohibited as we desire to give full credit for services rendered.

—An old and yet a new advertiser uses our columns this week with the announcement of an auction sale. We refer to Geo. R. Tuttle of N. Y. City, who takes space this week to announce the sale of the H. S. Bellinger collection of U. S. stamps.

—Roy S. Barker of Providence, R. I., and E. S. Stearns of Thomaston, Me., were recent callers at the WEEKLY office.

—The J. M. Stuart Co., Paris, Ky., reports the new 1c postal savings official envelope chronicled elsewhere in this issue.

—We have received from Linson & Stowe the catalog of their third auction sale, to be held April 6. Some 320 lots are listed.

—Charles Lathrop Pack favors us with a leaflet showing the types of the substituted heads as described in his recent article, “Brazil 100 reis, 1894-97.”

—Lewis A. Walter of Louisville, Ky., has a 4c Wilder in a rose shade instead of the vermilion in which the stamp is cataloged. Mr. Walter submits an affidavit indicating the circumstances under which this stamp was uncovered, which would clearly indicate that the stamp referred to is an error in color.

—“The new 6d and 1sh stamps Bermuda ship type, new colors, were placed on sale on March 26th.”—BENEDICT PRIETH.

—W. C. Estes writes us as follows:—“Cannot you find some one to write an essay on the 2c red of the 1898-99 issue (Scott does not list it). I bought this stamp at the Omaha Post-office, afterwards the Chief of the stamp department told me these stamps had been ordered returned on account of error in color, eventually they were all surcharged for Cuba, see Scott's Nos. 222a and 223.”

—A. N. Caudell sends us a copy of the official circular sent out from the office of the Third Assistant Postmaster General giving particulars of the 1c official postal savings stamped envelope, fully described elsewhere in this issue.

—In connection with the agitation in the stamp papers concerning the Cuban inverts, the *Philadelphia Stamp News* publishes a communication from the American Banknote Co. of N. Y. City. The important fact brought out by the communication is found in the implied willingness of the firm to accept these errors as emanating from them. “We can only account for these errors by the fact that the first shipment had to be made rather in a hurry.”

NEW U. S. POSTAL SAVINGS ENVELOPE.

We are indebted to Robt. J. Wagner and A. C. Usher for information in connection with a new one-cent stamped envelope that has just been issued in connection with the postal savings bank system.

The stamp is an ellipse on end in shape and has at the top in a circular line “U. S. Postal Savings” while at the bottom is “One 1 Cent”. In the center of the design are the words “Official Mail” in two lines. The color of the stamp is green and it is on amber paper. The specimen described was shown us by Mr. Usher.

From Mr. Wagner's letter we quote the following relative to the 1c stamp:—

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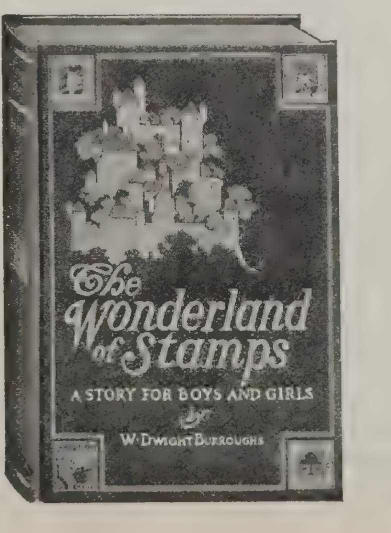

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37	2g 50c	..	.25
44 & 45	½ and 2½c	.05	..
51 & 52	30 and 50c	..	.05
73-77	20 to 50c	..	.35
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154, a and b	2½c (3 var.)	.10	..
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EDITORIAL.

A New One—The following announcement from Washington by C. B. Hurrey, Acting Third Assistant Postmaster General, is of importance to stamp collectors: "Postmasters and others in the postal service are notified that a stamped envelope, embossed with an official postal savings stamp of the 1-cent denomination, has been provided for official mail matter relating to the Postal Savings System. The stamp is similar to the official 2-cent embossed stamp, except as to color and denomination. It is described as follows: The stamp is an ellipse on end; the color is green and the lettering white; in the center in plain gothic type appear the words 'Official Mail' in two horizontal lines. In the upper half of the border are the words 'U. S. Postal Savings,' and in the lower half 'One 1 Cent,' the numeral 1 being prominent."

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To Those Who Wait—For some time attention has been directed to the one-cent adhesive postal savings stamp and its scarcity which has been attributed to a lack of necessity for its use. Without wishing to combat any popular conception of its present rating, we believe that it would not have been long before the stamp would have made its appearance oftener had the same conditions continued. In fact, if the parallel that existed between the quantities used postally of the war and post office departments stamped envelopes and wrappers and the adhesives of complementary values be approximated in the consumption of the one-cent adhesive and one-cent envelope, the one-cent adhesive will be a more frequent visitor as time goes on. We have been given to understand that some of the adhesive one-cent postal savings bank stamps are filtering through the hands of a postmaster here and there because of a feeling of friendship or through ignorance of the regulations. Further, where one blade of grass flourished before, two now grow; in other words, instead of using a two-cent stamp, the obliging postmaster may use two of the one-cent stamps when the addressee seems particularly anxious to obtain copies of the latter. It is just as well not to depend too trustingly upon the observance of the regulations regarding the unused postal savings stamps, by postmasters; and the "waste paper" that the postmasters are instructed to sell has its possibilities.

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Half Stamps—Our attention has been called to a number of split provisionals on the original covers but as the use of the bi-sected stamps was not authorized by decree, we believe, they are varieties for the specialist's collection. It is the two centavos of the present centenary and numeral sets that comes split diagonally and vertically on regular mail matter to make with two of the two centavos, the five cent rate to this country. These covers come from important points such as Medellin, Baranquilla, etc., where the use of the provisionals must be allowed though not officially recognized or authorized, no doubt. A Spanish paper says that all the Colombian postage and telegraph stamps of the general and state issues of 1880 to 1910 in charge of the superintendent of posts have been burnt under the supervision of a committee deputized to act in that capacity. This destruction will clear the atmosphere and loan a certainty that will be welcome to the collecting of the more recent Colombian issues.

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Resurrected—The *Southern Philatelist* which very appropriately devotes much of its space to Confederate issues speaks as follows about a mysterious ten cents red brown of the type of the five cent, local and London print of the second or small issue. It is said: "This ten cent brown is identical in lines and dots with the five cent blue, local print, except of course the change of color and from five to ten cents, and those who have examined it believe it to have been printed from the same plates or stones. Unfortunately it was not on cover when he disposed of it. It is believed also that it was printed at Columbia, S. C., by Keatinge and Ball and was intended to have been used instead of or prior to the ten cent blue. The paper is identical with some of the five cent locals. It seems to be above suspicion. So far as I have known it is an unlisted variety." This ten cent in red and a host of other fancy colors sometimes appears on the surface and causes speculations as to its character; and when the circumstances of its issue become known, it is truly to be called a hybrid. Many years ago, Mr. C. B. Corwin said that the stamps were "a lithographic transfer from the design of the 5c with the word Five erased and Ten substituted therefor, every Ten differing, while the remaining parts of each stamp agree with each other, the sheet being printed in pale blue in seven rows of ten each." There is another story in this connection, which is not so prosaic, and is to the effect that a plate of the five cent was found at the bottom of an abandoned well. The plate was revamped and reduced in size and subsequently used for printing, after the Five of each cliché or stamp die was altered to Ten by some process. It was said that the rust and corrosion had attacked some of the clichés on the edge of the plates so as to make them defective for printing purposes and so they were cut away. There are some points that favor the tale that the Ten was filled in on the typographed plate made by Messrs. De La Rue, London, and replaced by Five, in each instance. At any rate the sheets in different colors at one time were plentiful and passed from hand to hand lightly as curiosities. There did not seem to have been any effort made to market the stamps in quantity at the expense of collectors and their deceptive possibilities did not approach those of the ten-cent "Stonewall Jackson,"—another story.

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Your Choice—Another stamp in the same category is an adaptation of the five-cent to a ten-cent carmine which is "enough like" the stamp described in the foregoing item "to be its twin brother," according to Mr. Corwin. In this fictitious stamp, the lettering of the Ten does not tally with that of the word Cents in the label, as the letters vary and are shorter, fatter and not in proportion. The story of the plate of the five-cents that was found as aforesaid or "captured" according to one version applies with greater force to this variety, which, likewise, is found in sheets in old stamp stocks occasionally, printed in a variety of colors.

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It Follows—The news of the purchase of the collection, excepting the stamps of Great Britain and the United States of the Earl of Crawford by the firm of W. H. Peckitt, London, leaves a wake of discussion. The prominence of the distinguished seller and the enterprise of the buyer in acquiring the superb specialized lines did their part in exciting interest in the transaction. The assurance stands forth that the larger and more valuable the collection, the more favorable attention it will receive from the dealer; and a crowning consideration is that the collection of magnitude out of the ordinary is the one that exacts the highest proportional value when sold to the dealer.

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A WORD WITH THE BEGINNER.

By AL. DE LA TORRE BUENO.

There are few men in any of the civilized centres of the world who have not, at some period of their existence, collected stamps. The vast majority have done so in their boyhood days, and, as the years have rolled by, have given up this pastime for other interests of greater moment. Some have given away, lost or sold their collections; others, in whom the germ of philately has taken a stronger hold, have cherished their collections—as rare gems—and though they may take no active interest in collecting they would not part with their collections; some in this group, and these form the bulk of the serious collectors of the day, have kept up their pastime with unabated interest.

Philately appeals to all classes and conditions of men,—the rich and the poor, the strong and the weak, the young and the old, alike may revel in its pleasures. Some claim that it is a rich man's pastime, but this is a great fallacy. What other pastime will give so many hours of unalloyed pleasure through the expenditure of but a few dollars?

There are no hard and fast rules which must be followed by every collector, other than the inclinations of the individual and the limitations of his pocketbook. The man whose pocketbook is lean has merely to decide for himself along what lines he can afford to collect, and then to pitch in and enjoy the cleanest, most healthful and absorbing of pastimes. He will find that neither the richest nor the most advanced collector will look down upon him if in his chosen line he uses intelligence and gives thought and care to the selection and arrangement of his specimens.

We find the old say, "many men, many minds" well exemplified in philately. Here we find one man devoting his time, money and energy to collecting all the stamps, varieties, etc. of one country or group of countries—he is the "specialist", the highest type of collector and one who must be well supplied with the "sinews of war", for some of the varieties are very high-priced; here we have another, known as a general collector, who collects stamps from all corners of the world; here we have another man who specializes in current two cents United States, shades, perforations, cancellations, etc., stamps so cheap that he can buy hundreds for a few cents. And what hours of pleasure will he not derive from this small investment ' Here we find another man who has set a limit as to the highest denomination which he considers that he can afford to include in his collection; here is another who merely collects nineteenth century and still another who collects only twentieth century, and so ad infinitum.

There is no doubt that stamp collecting, like everything else, calls for a certain cash expenditure, but this is absolutely within one's control. One should never be carried away and try to outdo the other fellow who has more means. Let him spend his money in stamps while we beat him as to the condition of our humble specimens and the neat and artistic arrangement of our collection, making it a joy to the eye and a pride to our heart.

The buying of stamps should be done judiciously. It is not a wise thing to set your heart upon some special stamp or stamps, and then go out and buy them at whatever price the first dealer may charge. Some day you will run across the very stamps which you require and at prices which will well repay you for the waiting, or if you are very anxious to fill some blank space in your album, then go out and do some "shopping", and you will probably run across some dealer who has been able to buy cheaper than his competitors and, consequently, can afford to make a reasonable price.

A collector should subscribe to one or two stamp magazines and to as many "house organs" as possible. In this way he can not alone keep in touch with the new issues and general philatelic news, but also with the prices, and thus be able to take advantage of any bargains offered. Some may say that the stamps offered at bargain prices are the stamps which nobody wants; this may be true in some cases, but in others the low price may be due to the dealer being over-stocked or requiring some money at short notice.

One of the best methods of collecting for the tyro, is to buy as large a packet of stamps as one can afford. Both advanced collectors and specialists often buy wholesale lots. In any case the collector should restrict himself to buying only such lots as contain the stamps of the countries he is interested in. What greater pleasure can an ardent collector enjoy than to go sailing through a large sea of stamps—to find here and there some stamp which will fill a heretofore vacant space, to find some minor variety or to discover some new and unsuspected variety! Such are the pleasures and profit to be derived from the purchase of packets.

Apropos of minor varieties have you ever stopped to consider that the high prices asked by dealers for the minor varieties are due, not so much to the scarcity of the variety or to the demand for it as to the trouble and time lost in looking for it—time is money to the stamp dealers as well as to the rest of us.

Another great source of enjoyment and one which helps the individual to expand and to increase his intercourse with his fellowmen is the exchange of stamps. Through exchanges with other collectors, additions may be made to the collection. In making exchanges it is always best to do so with collectors in your own town, where you can get into personal touch with them. In this way not alone are more satisfactory arrangements made, but also is the circle of acquaintances of the collector increased.

Whenever a man puts in an exchange advertisement with the provision "send first", he shows plainly that he has no confidence in his fellowcollectors, maybe with reason, but even so, why should he be trusted when he can not trust others? He may have had unsatisfactory dealing with one or two collectors but that is no reason why he should consider or class all collectors as dishonest. *Honi soit qui mal y pense.* It is best never to have dealings with such a person.

Unsatisfactory dealings will occur some times, especially with foreign correspondents, but usually the ones which are satisfactory are so eminently so that they repay any loss which may have been sustained.

The collector should always classify his duplicates, not alone according to countries and issues, but also as to the actual cash cost of the stamps to him, thus he will guard against a money loss and can also tell at what price he can afford to sell and what exchange propositions are advantageous to him.

The question as to what album to use has been a source of great interest to every collector, and will continue to be to every recruit to the ranks of philately. The regular printed albums offer many disadvantages and in some cases inaccuracies—not to call them by a stronger name. Take for example a certain album printed by the publishers of a well-known catalogue—here we find that the arrangement of the dates of the issues are different from those given in the catalogue, again the names of the colors are different in the catalogue and in the album. There is no doubt that one is wrong. Which? The fact that the catalogue is revised from time to time, and also a comparison with other catalogues would seem to indicate that the catalogue is nearer right. These are but small matters when compared with the greatest drawback of all—in a very short while the album falls behind the time, new stamp issues appear for which no provision is made. This difficulty has now been overcome to a certain extent by some manufacturers who make loose leaf printed albums. This does not entirely obviate this bad feature as when new issues appear the collector has to buy blank pages and insert them after the printed ones, thus making a patchwork job out of his album. All these objectionable features disappear with the *blank* loose leaf album. The man who uses a blank loose leaf album can collect anything, take up any branch of collecting and specialize in any manner to suit his fancy and give full play to his artistic ideas as to the arrangement and display of his treasures—and above all his album is always up to date. Nothing equals the blank loose leaf album for exhibition purposes, for showing the stamps of any country at society meetings, and above all for displaying them to the best possible advantage.

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CHRONICLE OF NEW ISSUES AND VARIETIES

Edited by HENRY A. KIDDER.

Any information regarding new issues will be gratefully received and acknowledged. Address HENRY A. KIDDER, 17 Addison St., Arlington, Mass. Letters calling for a reply should contain a self-addressed, stamped envelope. We cannot give applicants the addresses of our correspondents. Correspondence regarding precancelled stamps must be sent to FRANK B. ELDREDGE, Attleboro, Mass., when due credit will be given in this department.

UNITED STATES.—Evidently our readers are still interested in the hunt for varieties of the 2c Columbian, as two of our correspondents, J. Rausch and Edward W. Bridge, have just sent us specimens showing a colorless spot like a period after the left "2." Mr. Bridge has also found a period after "Cents," and Mr. Rausch has found a similar mark.

Frank B. Eldredge has shown us the new 2c stamp, with figures in the lower corners and with Shermack No. 3 perforation

Lee Tibbals calls attention to the fact that variations in the placing of the central pictures of the Pan American stamps, as regards the frames, are fairly constant in three main varieties, though the differences are not important enough to warrant their insertion in the catalogue.

The following new precancels have been reported by Elmer Topelman and John H. Wilms:—

Saginaw, Mich., 1c 1912, normal, type I.
St. Louis, Mo., 5c 1911, normal, type II.
Cleveland, Ohio, 1c 1911, normal, perf. 8½ vert. type IV.
Scranton, Pa., 2c 1912, normal, type II.
Racine, Wis., 1c 1912, normal, type VI.

H. C. Scott reports the following permits with stamps over:—Akron, Ohio, No. 1, 2c with 2c stamp; Columbus, Ohio, No. 23, 9c with 8c stamp; Dayton, Ohio, No. 32, 1c with 1c stamp; Dubuque, Iowa, No. 3, 1c with 1c; Kalamazoo, No. 10, 1c with 1c; Lincoln, Neb., No. 28, 1c with 1c; New Orleans, No. 29, 1c with 1c; Racine, Wis., No. 1, 2c with 1c precancel; Richmond, Va., No. 13, 2c with 2c; Rose Hill, N. Y., No. 1, 3c with 2 and 1c stamps; Tarrytown, N. Y., No. 3, 2c with 2c; Cleveland, Ohio, No. 3, 1c with 1c, rouletted; Cincinnati, No. 93, 1c with 1c; Detroit, No. 63, 2c changed to 3c; No. 165, 2c with 3c; Hartford, Conn., No. 31, 1c with 1c; New Haven, Conn., No. 3, 1c with 1c; No. 3, 1c with 2c and 2c; Philadelphia, No. 144, 3c with 3c; No. 193, 1c with 1c; No. 203, 1c with 1c; Pittsburg, No. 8, 1c with 2c; Saginaw, Mich., 1c changed to 2c; New York City, No. 5, 1c with 1c; No. 10, 1c with 1c; No. 161, 1c with 1c; No. 175, 1c with 2c; No. 580, 2c with 3c; No. 671, 1c with 1c; No. 671, 1c with 2c; No. 607, 2c with 2c; No. 636, 1c with 1c; No. 705, 1c with 1c; No. 774, 1c with 1c; No. 747, 1c with 1c; Boston, No. 9, 1c with 1c prec. and the same inverted; same 1c with 2c; No. 2, 2c with 2c; No. 193, 3c changed to 2c; No. 247, 2c with 2c; No. 351, 1c with 2c; Chicago, No.19, 1c with 1c; No.(?)1c with 1c prec.; No. 107, 1c with 1c; No. 177, 1c with 2c; No. 625, 1c changed to 2c; 2c changed to 1c and 2c with 1c; No. 653, 1c with 1c rouletted; No. 678, 2c with 1c; No. 750, 1c with 1c; No. 822, 1c with 1c.

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Mr. Scott also sends post cards with permits, one of which, No. 38, was printed in black with no value, and changed to 1c, with the same number. He also has a card permit of the same city and number, which has been printed in pale pink, brick red, vermilion, carmine and brown.

Mr. Scott also sends a curiosity, a permit envelope, issued to one firm as No. 469, but later has this obliterated by a large black block covering one-third of the envelope, and the new permit, No. 759, printed below.

ANTIGUA.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us the 2d, 3d and 2sh values of the current bi-colored set, on chalky multiple paper.

ARGENTINE.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us three more values of the Sower type.

Adhesives.

2c purple brown.
4c purple.
10c dark green.

BERMUDA.—Hermann Focke has shown us the new ½d card, with stamp in the "Hog money" type, as noted in No. 1107. By the way, the type was there erroneously called "Hoy money!"

BRUNEI.—The *Schweizer Briefmarken Zeitung* chronicles two more values in a single color.

Adhesives.

25c violet.
50c black on green.

FRANCE.—*Offices in China.*—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us the 2c on 5c 8c on 20c and 40c on 1fr, large surcharge, both surcharged on the stamps of "Chine."

GILBERT AND ELLICE ISLANDS.—The *Schweizer Briefmarken Zeitung* reports the 5d, 6d and 1sh stamps of the Georgian series as having been seen with "specimen" overprint. They are in the Leeward Islands type, the old border being made use of. The head of King George is drawn rather smaller than that of King Edward.

GREAT BRITAIN.—*Offices in the Levant.*—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us the ½d and 1d stamps of Great Britain, reengraved type, surcharged "Levant" for use in the British offices in Turkey. The stamps of the first type with this surcharge were in use only a short time, and already the philatelic sharps are saying that they are likely to be scarce.

INDIA.—W. T. Wilson has shown us the new 3p slate as chronicled in No. 1106, and also the 1a overprinted for official use. The familiar "On H. M. S." has disappeared, and in its place is printed "Service" in a square gothic letter, somewhat smaller than the word "Service" on the 1885 stamps of Patiala.

JAMAICA.—J. A. Galbraith has shown us a used copy of the new 3d stamp issued in Jamaica the first week in March. It is printed on ordinary multiple paper. Hermann Focke also sends us an unused copy of this stamp.

Adhesive.

3d violet on yellow.

LUXEMBURG.—*Die Post* reports a new provisional from the Duchy, which is certainly unique among surcharged stamps.

Provisional Adhesive.

62½c on 87½c gray blue.

NICARAGUA.—Hermann Focke sends us seven more values of the Locomotive type, chronicled in No. 1102. This completes the series for Atlantic Coast.

Adhesives.

15c violet.
20c indigo.
25c dark olive green and black.
50c olive green.
1p orange brown.
2p brown.
5p blue green.

SAN MARINO.—*Borek's Neuheiten Preisliste* states that the 10 lire postage due stamp is shortly to be withdrawn from use.

SWEDEN.—The *Svensk Filatelistisk Tidskrift* states that the following quantities of the current official stamps were printed with the Crown watermark:

1 ore black, 2,807,900; 4 ore light lilac, 1,423,900; 5 ore green, 2,716,000; 8 ore red violet, 2,833,100; 10 ore carmine, 2,827,000; 15 ore red brown, 2,680,400; 20 ore blue, 1,450,200; 25 ore orange, 1,418,700; 30 ore brown, 1,307,200; 5kr brown on yellow, 958,000.

TURKEY.—As announced sometime since a new series of stamps is in preparation for the Ottoman Empire upon which a view of the Central Post Office of Constantinople will replace the familiar signature of the Sultan. *Maury's Le Collectionneur* says that the series will comprise the following values: regular postage, 5, 10 & 20 paras, 1, 2, 2½, 5, 10, 25 & 50 piastres; postage due, 1 & 2 piastres; newspaper stamps, 5, 10, & 20 paras, 1, 2 & 5 piastres. A Turkish correspondent says that the 5 paras postage stamp has already been printed and possibly may have been issued before this.

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14	" 5p violet & brown	.45	.20
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THE RAREST OF SILVER DOLLARS.

Clipping from Jno. F. Hinson.

A United States silver pattern dollar, dated 1776, which was exhibited at Chicago at the convention of the American Numismatic Association brought to the immediate attention of both the general public and collectors a silver piece which for rarity, value and historical worth completely eclipses the celebrated 1804 dollar, or indeed any other coin in the United States series, says the New York *Sun*. Even in some respects it is more interesting than the excessively rare and valuable silver pattern dollar or "mark" of 1783, proposed by Robert Morris, the "Financier of the Revolution."

This coin, which is known as the Continental Currency dollar, is owned by H. O. Granberg at Oshkosh, Wis., and represents unquestionably the very first metallic issue to bear the stamp of the United States, or United Colonies, as the confederation was originally known. The Continental dollar preceded by nine years the issue of the first regularly authorized cent of 1787—the Fugio or Franklin cent—and the issue, of the latter coin no doubt was largely influenced by this first dollar, for it bore its principal features of design.

The Continental Currency dollar is about the size of an ordinary silver dollar and contains 378 grains of silver. On the obverse the principal design is a sun shining on a sundial, with the word "Fugio" to the left. Below the dial is the motto "Mind Your Business," a saying attributed to Franklin. This central design is enclosed by two circles, while around the border in large letters is the inscription "Continental Currency 1776." On the reverse is a circle of thirteen links, each of which bears the name of one of the thirteen colonies. In the center is a radiation, which encloses a double circle, in which are the words "American Congress. We Are One."

No definite information as to where the Continental currency dollar was made can now be obtained. But it is thought to have been produced by one of the engravers of Birmingham, England, in which city were made many of the coins that were circulated in this country during Colonial days and the most of which are now highly valued by collectors.

The design of the dollar was evidently suggested by the devices of the first Continental currency paper issues. On the obverse of one of these notes was a representation of a sun as a human face shining upon a dial, with the word "Fugio". Just above was a representation of the moon, also as a face. The latter, however, found no place in the design of the silver dollar. Underneath the dial was the motto "Mind Your Business." The reverse design of the note showed almost the identical design borne by the Continental dollar and seems to have been embodied intact.

Several varieties of these Continental dollars are now known, and not only were there various designs showing trifling differences but they occur in different metals, silver, brass and white metal. The rarest of the series, the one owned by Mr. Granberg, shows marked differences from some of the others. Underneath the dial and above the motto is inscribed in small letters "E G Fecit." "E G" are supposed to have been the initials of the engraver of the dies.

From what can be learned there are only two specimens of the above dollar known in silver, the one owned by Mr. Granberg and another said to be in the collection of an Eastern historical society. The variety is also rare and held at a premium. The one in brass is much rarer than that in white metal.

The next rarest of the Continental currency dollar is of similar design to that mentioned above, but the engraver in cutting the dies made an error in spelling "currency" with but one "r". A similar specimen, showing this error, and the only one known in the metal, was formerly in the collection of John G. Mills of Albany, whose collection was sold in 1904. The coin at that time brought $500. Since that time the values of Colonial coins particularly, have risen enormously and that dollar would now bring a very much higher figure if offered for sale.

The design showing the error was also struck in brass and white metal. It has been stated by experts that only five are known in brass. One of these, also offered at the Mills sale, brought $27, which would be largely advanced if sold today. The same variety in white metal brought $18 at the Mills sale.

There must have been a considerable issue of coins of this design in white metal, judging by the number of dies that were made, as evidenced by the known specimens. One design, with the error in the spelling of "currency," shows a comma under the letter "n." It was struck in brass from recut dies. But two such specimens are known, and the last record of sale of one, the Parmelee sale of 1890, held in this city, was $26. Even the commonest of the white metal specimens are held at a premium of several dollars.

The only contemporary mention of these pieces is given in Crosby's "Early Coins of America" and was taken from Watson's "Chemical Essays" (Dublin, 1791), in reference to coins of this design struck in tin.

Said he: "The Congress in America had recourse to the same expedient (evidently discussing the striking of pewter coins); they coined several pieces of about an inch and a half in diameter and of 240 grains in weight, on one side of which was inscribed in a circular ring near the edge "Continental Currency, 1776," and within the ring a rising sun with "Fugio" at the side of it shining upon a dial, under which was "Mind Your Business." On the reverse was thirteen small circles, on each of which was inscribed the name of some one of the thirteen states; on another ring within these was inscribed "American Congress" and in the central space "We Are One." I have been particular in the mention of this piece of money because, like the leaden money which was struck at Vienna when that city was besieged by the Turks in 1529, it will soon become a great curiosity. I estimated the weight of a cubic foot of this continental currency; it was equal to 7,440 ounces. This exceeds the weight of our best sort of pewter and falls short of our worst. I conjecture that the metal of the Continental currency consisted of twelve parts tin and one of lead."

The reverse design of the Continental dollar was also used in conjunction with a very rare medal issued in 1783 in commemoration of the final arrangement for peace between England and America. The obverse of this medal showed Britannia seated facing to the left. By her side is a shield with the crosses of St. George and St. Andrew. In her left hand is a spear and her right is extended to an Indian queen, who is advancing with a bow in her right hand and quiver behind her back. Between them flies a dove with an olive branch. In the distance is a view of London, in which appear St. Paul's Cathedral and the Monument. It is said that there are only two known specimens of this medal, one of which, formerly owned by Dr. Charles Clay of Manchester, England, was sold in New York in 1871 for $31. It is not known where the piece is now located. The design was struck only in tin.

THE STAMPLESS SOUTH POLE.

The South Pole has been polished off the rapidly diminishing list of places the white man has not trod. Amazing it is that out of the several expeditions going at one and the same time with the same object in view, but one has probably made the conquest of the hitherto elusive Pole, and that one is the only one which hadn't a special philatelic department. Captain Scott may have got to the Pole—we hope he has—but the present evidence is that Captain Amundsen got there. Captain Scott carried his little bunch of overprinted, New Zealand stamps, Dr. Mawson, of the Australian Expedition, carried a special postmark with a penguin as central device and Lieutenant Filchner, of the German Antarctic Expedition, had a special label—as philatelically attractive looking as a British Guiana of the '52 kind—shewing the whaling ship "Deutschland." Yet Amundsen, *sans* philatelic fancy, reached the Pole. Perhaps Norway will make it up to the intrepid Captain by placing his portrait on a stamp of his native country in celebration of his great exploit.—*Postage Stamp.*

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Those who have regarded stamp collecting merely as a fad will find that they have taken only a superficial view of the subject, and that the dry bones may be invested with an abiding charm. The stamps issued in commemoration of the various expositions are full of history lessons; the birds and the beasts which various countries have used on their stamps constitute a valuable lesson in natural history and geography, while the discourse on rare stamps gives an insight into the surprising value of stamps.

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WHAT ONE ISSUE OFFERED.

Our paper last week was an illustration of what a stamp newspaper should offer in the way of information:—

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Annual banquet C. P. S.
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WITH THE BOY PHILATELIST.

Edited by BERTRAM W. H. POOLE, Box 231, Altadena, Calif.

We propose to insert upon this page matter that will be of interest to the boy collector. Some two thousand boys are now on our mailing list and it is our desire to come closely in contact with them in such a manner as will be most helpful. Any information desired will be cheerfully rendered through these columns. Do not submit stamps for examination.

INTERESTING RARE STAMPS.

The "Post Office" Mauritius.

(*Concluded from last week.*)

When Major E. B. Evans was in Port Louis in 1878 he purchased a collection of stamps from a professor of music which contained a specimen of the 1d on entire envelope. In 1884 Major Evans sold this stamp to the late Mr. Tapling and this is now in the National collection at the British Museum.

Mr. Marcel Pouget, of Bordeaux, obtained a used specimen of the 1d in January, 1897 and sold it to M. Kirchner. The latter gentleman sold it three years later but to whom and where this specimen now rests I cannot say.

In 1898 a niece of M. E. Duvivier was destroying a number of old papers and found among them an envelope, addressed to her uncle, containing an invitation to Lady Gomm's ball. This was franked with a 1d "Post Office" and it was purchased in March by Mr. Peckitt at "the highest price ever paid for a single stamp." It was sold to an English collector soon after Mr. Peckitt acquired it.

In November of the same year Mr. Peckitt purchased two more of these famous stamps—both 1d ones. They were both on the same letter sheet and this was found in an Indian bazaar at Bombay by Mr. Howard. The price this gentleman asked for them was $12,500.00 but the figure he actually received was not made public. Mr. Vernon Roberts, of Manchester, was the purchaser of these and he held them until 1906 when they were again in Mr. Peckitt's hands for sale. They were shown at the Philatelic Exhibition held in London in that year and naturally attracted a good deal of attention. They were then or soon afterwards, acquired by Mr. G. H. Worthington, the famous Cleveland collector, and now form one of the finest pieces in his wonderful collection.

Having mentioned to some friends her good luck in finding a 1d "Post Office" Mauritius among her Uncle's papers, Mlle. Duvivier induced some friends to make a careful search through some letters as it was known that a relative of the family had been invited to the Gomm ball. The search resulted in the discovery of another 1d and this was acquired by M. Th. Lemaire. Soon afterwards Mr. Peckitt had it and he sold it to Mr. H. J. Duveen in whose magnificent collection it still remains.

In 1899 another 2d "Post Office" was found in Mauritius but what became of this specimen I have been unable to discover. In February, 1903, M. Th. Lemaire purchased an envelope, on which were both values, at a price "closely approaching $7,500.00" but what became of these I do not know. In the same year another "pair" was discovered but what happened to these does not appear to have been made public.

The last specimen to be discovered is, curiously enough, the finest of all the known copies. Mr. J. Bonar, a Hampstead gentleman, happened to turn up an old collection made as a school-boy and among a lot of very common stamps he found a superb unused specimen of the 2d "Post Office." This was placed in the hands of Messrs. Puttick & Simpson and was sold at their auction on January 13th, 1904. The purchaser was His Majesty King George V (then Prince of Wales) and the price paid for it was the record one of $7,250.00. It now forms the choicest item in His Majesty's collection.

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GUATEMALA ONCE MORE.

Mr. A. H. Weber takes me to task for not giving a better explanation of the differences between the lithographed and engraved stamps of Guatemala which have already formed the subject of frequent paragraphs in these columns. Mr. Weber tells me that all the lithographs were printed from one stone the numerals of value being added as needed, consequently the position of the numerals is no test at all for they may be found almost anywhere in the value tablet. He further writes "The true distinction lies in the shade lines at the top of the stamps. They are uniform in the lithographed stamps while in the engraved the top four lines at the left and the top six lines at the right are twice as thick as those below them. This is a clear, sharp distinction good for all values." We have, therefore, worked round in a complete circle for it was this very test that my original correspondent found unreliable, so far as he, personally, was concerned at any rate. I have not sufficient of these stamps by me at the moment to state whether this test is sufficiently marked to serve as a guide to the inexperienced collector but in any case the practical method of pressing tin-foil on the stamps as described in a recent number of the Weekly can always be relied on.

VERTICALLY AND HORIZONTALLY LAID PAPER.

A correspondent naively asks, "What are the lines in vertically and horizontally laid paper vertical and horizontal to?" In the case of stamps on vertically laid paper the laid lines are upright extending from top to bottom of the stamps. In horizontally laid paper the laid lines run across the stamps from side to side. The same distinction holds good in the case of envelopes the lines being vertical or horizontal in relation to the stamp when looked at in its normal position with the design upright.

SHORT REPLIES.

G. K. (Xenia, O.)—The Mauritius stamp you describe is Scott's number 47. The word cancelled was applied to the remainders of these stamps at a much later date than the original "HALFPENNY" surcharge. The value of these "Cancelled" is only 2c.

K. R. (Boston)—To make a list of stamps issued without gum would take considerable time and then would be of interest to such a small proportion of readers that the task would hardly be worth while.

F. B. (Elmina)—You will find full information regarding new U. S. A. stamps or proposed new stamps in the New Issue columns of the Weekly.

M. H., Jr. (Manchester, N. H.)—There are numerous varieties of the kind you mention in the 3c stamps of 1851. Dr. Carroll Chase wrote an interesting book some little time ago dealing solely with this one stamp and its many varieties.

THE STAMPS OF SWAZIELAND.

Nearly everybody is acquainted with the circumstances under which the control of Swazieland fell to the South African Republic, and it will therefore be needless for me to enlarge on its early history. In 1889 it became necessary to have an issue of stamps exclusively for this territory, and they were provided by overprinting the word "Swazieland" over the then current issue of the stamps of the South African Republic.

The first issue therefore was surcharged on the Transvaal 1885, all but the 2d, for which the stamp of the year 1887 was used (the 1885 brown 2d having been already replaced by the olive 2d of 1887). The surcharge, which was in black, was printed on the following stamps:—

½d, grey, on Transvaal of 1885.
1d, carmine, on do., do.
2d, olive, on Transvaal of 1887.
6d, blue, on Transvaal of 1885.
1s, green, on do., do.
2s 6d, yellow, on do., do.
5s, slate, on do., do.
10s, brown, on do., do.

As has been generally the case in South African surcharges, the printer is responsible for several vagaries, which I shall endeavour to enumerate as far as possible, and as far as they have come or been brought under my notice. We shall call them varieties, for such they undoubtedly are, and at the conclusion of my paper I will give a short *resume* of the dates of issue and the quantities issued. It would, of course, be an utter impossibility to estimate with any exactness the number of some of the varieties, but I will try and give you a fair idea and leave you to judge for yourselves whether or not most of them should not be classed with the proverbial "R. R. R."

I will not include in my list of varieties minor things, like broken or mutilated letters, the overprint too high or too low, too much on one side or the other, but only touch upon the properly acknowledged varieties.

The ½d, 2d and 5s.—These we find with the overprint inverted, as well as with a final "d" in "Swazieland" omitted, in other words, overprinted "Swazielan."

The 1s appears only with the inverted overprint.

The 6d and 10s stamps were lucky enough to escape any of the foregoing irregularities.

As far as I have been able to ascertain, and it is pretty near correct if not altogether so, the numbers of the aforementioned varieties issued were as follows:—

5s Inverted Overprint:—One sheet of 60 stamps only. As the overprint without the final "d" appears but once in every sheet, the stamp of this value with the inverted overprint "Swazielan" must be a unique specimen.

5s, "Swazieland" inverted, 59.
5s, "Swazielan" inverted, 1.

1s, Inverted Overprint. Of this value there were at least five sheets of 60 each that received overprint inverted.

1s, "Swazieland" inverted, 300.

Of the ½d and 2d with inverted overprints I have been unable to arrive at the number definitely, but it is safe to presume that there were more of these values than of the 1s. In my opinion there must have been at least eight or ten sheets of 60 each of the 2d stamp, and perhaps a few sheets more of the ½d.

In 1892 the surcharge on the ½d stamp was changed from black to red. This variety appears with the surcharge inverted, and also with double surcharge.

The variety without final "d" does not exist in the red overprint.

The quantities issued were as follows:

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½d, 1d, 2d, 6d and 1s, 30,000 each
On or about the 21st Oct., 1890
2s 6d, 1800
5s, 600
10s, 300

In August, 1891, somewhere about the middle of that month, a further 1,800 5s stamps were overprinted, bringing the number of this value up to 2,400 in all. In 1892 it became necessary to issue a further supply of ½d stamps, and 18,000 were surcharged, this time in red. The reason for the change of colour in the overprint is not quite apparent to me, although it was presumably on account of the black not showing sufficiently on the pearl-grey stamp. To sum up, therefore:—

½d	30,000	1d	30,000	2d	30,000
6d	30,000	1sh	30,000	2sh 6d	1,800
5sh	2,400	10sh	300		

All surcharged "Swazieland," in black.
½d 18,000 surcharged in red.

These stamps were withdrawn in 1893, from which period the ordinary stamps of the Transvaal were used. Owing, no doubt, to the simplicity of the surcharge, and the enhanced value as compared with the original stamps used for the purpose, this little family has drawn the attention of forgers, but as, in the event of this paper proving interesting, I may be called upon again, I consider it wise to keep a little up my sleeve, and thank you all for the attention given me.—*South African Philatelist.*

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A STUDY IN LINES.

By FRANK E. GOODWIN.

St. Louis, Mo., Mar. 19, 1912.

To the Editor:—

Just to stimulate, perhaps, the study of stamps in the same manner that the hunt for Columbian varieties has, I am enclosing a list of varieties in the 3 cent 1857-60, which might start someone going.

I claim no discoveries, because these have probably been noted by experts. Be that as it may, most collectors of U. S. have but two or three of these stamps in their collections, and call it complete.

In re Columbians, I have the 1 cent shifted die right and left. Have pairs showing one with shifted die, and the other without.

Have the 4 cent Columbian with cap on slanting line of "4" at right and capped on both "4s".

Have the 8 cent Columbian without cap over figure 9, N. W. The normal type has a distinct cap of white over that figure.

The 5 cent Jamestown has upper right corner of shield broken, with white line running across diagonally from N. W. to S. E.

Yours very truly.
FRANK E. GOODWIN.

The hunt for minor varieties, real and imaginary, seems to have reawakened interest in stamps. It is well. No one should sneer at the discoveries (?) in the Columbian field. Anything which will move collectors to deep study of their stamps, whether it be to find spots caused by improper wiping of the plates, or a slip of the sheet in printing, certainly will give philately an impetus which should be encouraged, rather than laughed down.

The student of stamps who does not care to go quite as far as Dr. Chase in an effort to reconstruct a plate, or who fails when he tries to separate the different varieties of the common three cent red of 1857 according to the chart of Tiffany, can find a considerable field for study in the die varieties of that old, familiar stamp. One can easily collect a couple of dozen distinct varieties of the aforesaid Three Cent Red of Eighteen Fifty-Seven-Sixty without subjecting himself to a visit to an oculist afterwards.

Not counting the line-splitting measurements, nor the presence or absence of guide dots, the writer has mounted 33 of these stamps, each one of which has some distinguishing feature from any other. Those so far charted, according to my own way, without reference to any book or other assistance, are:

1—Two parallel vertical lines extending entire length of stamp at right, only.
2—Two lines, same as above, at right and left.
3—Two lines, same as above, at left, only.
4—Two lines, same as above, but single line at right touches engraving.
5—Single line both sides—line touches engraving entire length at right.
6—Same, except single line touches engraving entire length at left.
7—Same, except single line touches engraving entire length both right and left.
8—Single line, joins losenge N. W.—normal space at right.
9—Single line, joins losenge S. E.—normal space at left.
10—Single line at right has doubly wide space between it and engraving.
11—All lines are entirely removed along right side of stamp.
12—Vertical outer lines extend at top and bottom to meet joining stamps.
13—Outer lines extend at top; cut off at bottom on line with engraving.
14—Outer lines extend at bottom; cut off at top on line with engraving.
15—Outer line is cut off at N. E. corner only.
16—Outer line is cut off at N. W. corner only.
17—Outer line is cut off at S. E. corner only.
18—Outer line is cut off at S. W. corner only.
19—Two lines at left, inner line cutting into engraving.
20—Single line has been almost entirely removed at right and left, showing faint trace.
21—Two lines, inner line extends half way down from top, at right.
22—Only a faint trace of single line at left.
23—Single line is broken at left, just below level with chin.
24—Single line bends inward at S. W. rosette.
25—Single line is heavy and shades at S. W. rosette.
26—A trace of outer line runs about one-third of way down at N. W.
27—A distinct dash crosses rosette horizontally at S. E.

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28—The triangle at N. W. has been retouched.

29—Triangle at N. E. is formed of two dark lines, white between.

30—Single line has been widely drawn from engraving at right.

31—Line just below rosette at N. E. broken and new start made with engraving tool.

32—A faint inner line almost touches outer line at right.

33—Single line at right is very fine and broken in several places.

There are likely other varieties, which the writer has not found. He would be glad to hear that there are others—real, collectable line or die varieties. As these stamps cost but little it might be interesting and add to the size of the collection, if not the value, by digging out as many of them as possible. They certainly make a handsome page when neatly mounted.

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A Short Essay Written Many Years Ago in Which A New Word Is Coined.—Find the Word.

By A. N. CAUDELL.

From the time of Noah who was preeminent as an animal collector, it seems to have been the inclination of a vast number of people to gather up objects of some description. This collecting fever attacks nearly all at some period of their lives and the objects sought by the various cranks are as varied as March weather. It is a peculiar fact that an enthusiast in one branch of collecting often fails to see anything rational in the avocation of the hobbyist in a different field. Thus the autograph crank may consider the stamp collector an idiot while the collector of eggs ceases his labor of plundering birds' nests to gaze in derision at the bug hunter dashing by in mad pursuit of an active grasshopper or alluring butterfly. Thus what is desirable by one may be uninteresting to another. In an old coin the numismatist sees wonders where another may see only so much metal. The archaeologist goes into ecstasies of delight over an ancient specimen of barbarian skill while an unsympathetic brother stands by in undisguised amazement and, mayhaps, disgust. Thus none but the collector himself, whatever his specialty, can fully understand the pleasure derived from the accession of a new and desirable addition to his collection.

All collectors can well be placed into one of two divisions, namely: collectors of natural objects, as animals, birds, insects, fossils, oars, plants etc. and collectors of things made by man, as bric-a-brac, books, stamps, coins, autographs etc. Of these two classes of objects collected the first is of undoubted superiority, as a piece of sand stone can teach more lessons than can the stamp collectors choicest specimen while there is more to be learned from a buzzing mosquito than from the autograph of any defunct nabob that ever wrote his name. It is not the aim of this essay to compare the merits of the various phases of collecting but to consider briefly the subject of stamp collecting.

The hobby of collecting stamps, or more properly and scientifically speaking, philately, is of comparatively recent origin. This fact is evident when we remember that stamps came into general use scarely more than fifty years ago, the exact date of their general introduction into our postal service being 1847. Since the initiative issue of 1847, consisting of a five and a ten cent value, we have had many others, some varying from their successors in minor points only and others with essential differences.

As stamps grew into numbers from hundreds to thousands the collector appeared. Where he came from I do not know but come he did and there are now thousands of these philunatics scattered throughout the whole civilized world. No nation is exempt from the species. The craze has spread to the four corners of the globe and affects some of the most illustrious of its inhabitants. The army of stamp collectors includes members of almost all professions, doctors, lawyers, bankers, professors and even kings being represented in its ranks. Truly the little stamp has much attraction for great minds.

Stamp enthusiasts claim perpetuity for philately and some demand its recognition as a science. As to perpetuating the craze it certainly appears as if our philatelic friends are to achieve success for it is now an institution of a goodly number of years standing and the transactions in the field amount to many thousands of dollars per year.

The price of stamps is like the temper of some women, always on the rise. Stamps which might have been bought for a few pennies five or ten years ago now command prices many times greater. The scarcity of stamps regulate their value for, like all objects of traffic, they are controlled by the universal law of supply and demand. It is not always the oldest stamp that commands the highest price but the one of which the fewest number is available. Many of the rarer stamps are far beyond the means of the ordinary collector, some being valued at several thousand dollars. There are many wealthy collectors who buy such stamps as these but the success of the stamp merchant is not dependent upon such customers as these. It is rather to the thousands of medium collectors that the dealer looks to for support and to keep the interest of such up to the buying point the philatelic periodicals of the land are kept well supplied with such literature as enthuses the reader with the collective fever. It is said, and truly so, that stamp collecting is of material aid in the study of language, history and geography. Some say that stamp collecting is an inexpensive hobby but this is not wholly true as I well know from personal experience. It outrivals chewing gum and cigarettes in taking pin money from the purses of boys and girls but nickles and dimes judiciously expended for stamps are not lost but comprise an investment often more remunerative than a like amount deposited in a savings bank.

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Our correspondent further informs us that the 3c, given as perforated sidewise in the list referred to March 30, is found perforated endwise in the 1910 issue, perf. 12. Mr. MacBride has not seen this value but is assured that it has been reported in the philatelic press. We are glad to publish the above check list and shall be glad to have corrections or additions sent in.

LITTLE SCRAPS OF PAPER.

By CHAS. CARLSON.

Reading of The World Wide Hobby my mind runs back to boyhood days in school, where sorrow and hardship were unknown. If you could get a cabbage head for your rabbits, a few cents in your pocket for some old books, when the regular book-auction day was due, and some old postage stamps for your trading business, you would not worry, if the moon ran against the sun; or if some comet-star would sweep mother earth with its tail. You were happy. But years have passed. Some time when the dark clouds are covering your sunshine, you hunt up the old scraps of paper, as some people call them. You take a look at them and you are day-dreaming of childhood. The Deerslayer, The Last of the Mohicans. The Indians are coming, put your hands against the belt, to find out if the scalping knife and the lasso are at the proper place. "Where did you get them Hamburg and Thurn and Taxis?" "I traded for some Heligoland and Saxony. I bought a three cornered Cape of Good Hope and a one penny Natal this morning." "Oh, get out! You are no millionaire." "Mother give me some money this morning, because I promised to not use any more of her clothsline for a lasso. The old lady who keeps the milking goats, has been complaining to mother about the roping in by the young Indians. But say! I got something new. Columbus landing in America, a Locomotive and a Steamboat. They are fine pictures, better looking than New Foundland or Egypt. It will take some coin to buy any of them." Huh! an Indian struck me in the head with a tomahawk. No! It was a German at Metz, who hit me in the neck with a wet, sloppy snowball. I woke up. The dark clouds had disappeared and the sun was shining. Queer little pieces of paper. Some are attractive and good-looking. But some have the symptoms of old age and in the most cases are too homely to look at, but like old wine they improve with age. Whether a person has a philatelic education or not, it matters very little, the stamps are a good study in history and geography. If you are not color-blind, they are also splendid instructors in color and shades, so even without their high prices, they are very good little scraps of paper.

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EDITORIAL.

That Waste Paper—The use of the term, "waste paper" in connection with a little homily on the one-cent postal savings bank stamp last week has excited some inquiry; and a word of explanation becomes necessary. Section 357 of the postal laws and regulations reads: "Postmasters must carefully preserve all waste paper which included dead and unclaimed domestic printed matter, facing slips that have been used, and all other useless paper and all twine waste, including remnants of twine unfit for use. As much as possible should be realized from this waste matter, and when practicable it should be sold before the expiration of the quarter and the proceeds accounted for as postal funds. Sales should be made in the neighborhood of the post-office if possible. Waste paper and twine cannot be sent free in the mails to a purchaser and mail bags must not be used to store or carry it away." Under the waste paper definition, we did not wish to include the used postal savings stamps and say that it was obligatory for the postmaster to turn over to the postal funds any proceeds from the sale of such stamps. We do not know what opinion the postoffice department would have on the question if it were called to the attention of the officers; and it may be wholly within the rights of the postmaster to sell the stamps that come to the office on official business for the benefit of their personal accounts.

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To Good Use—Coincidentally with the foregoing item, an order has been issued from Washington amending a paragraph of the section that has been quoted, and it is as follows: "Undeliverable printed matter, such as picture cards, newspapers, magazines, and other periodical publications falling within the term 'waste paper,' for which no sale can be effected, may, if suitable for the purpose be delivered by postmasters, on application therefor, to the proper local municipal authorities for distribution to hospitals, asylums, or other charitable or reformatory institutions." We trust that any undelivered copies of our great moral sheet will be distributed to reformatory institutions as we know that highly correctional results will follow.

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A Question of Rider—From the *Philatelic Gazette*, we learn that Mr. John A. Klemann has had the good fortune to secure "the original black pencil sketch of the 2 cent 1869 series—the pony express rider." A cut of this item of postal memorabilia is given by our contemporary and shows an enlarged picture that seems to be faithful in all of its details to the central design of the two-cent, 1869. However, the description, "pony express rider" does not exactly apply to the horseman on the stamp in question which represented the regular postal rider of the times. In a collection of pony express rider portraits gathered from different sources, there is none that is the prototype of the design on the two-cent stamp of the 1869 issue and the "little sacks of the pony rider" differed from the regulation government mailbag standards. While on this subject, we may as well insert the oath taken by the pony express riders, a copy of which was sent to us by a reader some time ago: "I,———, do hereby swear, before the Great and Living God, that during my engagement and while I am in the employ of Russell, Majors and Waddle, I will under no circumstances, use profane language, that I will drink no intoxicating liquors, that I will not quarrel or fight with any other employe of the firm and that, in every respect, I will conduct myself honestly, be faithful to my duties and so direct all my actions as to win the confidence of all my employers. So help me God."

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Shades and Lines—Mr. Guy West Wilson, West Raleigh, N. C., shows a one-cent stamped envelope, current issue, in olive green, "instead of the brighter shade formerly used." He says that he has the new color on all the papers but blue. An examination of early examples of this envelope issue yields some in the shade illustrated by our correspondent and it is to be questioned whether the shade differences are intentional or other than those that mark the working out of different batches of inks. Mr. Wilson also specifies three varieties in the Columbian two-cent that have not been listed; verily, their name is legion. We must call a halt, at least temporarily, on the Columbian varieties, which have descended on us in overwhelming numbers. Nearly every reader has been his own Columbus; and before we have the hardihood to list any more, we shall have to have a parley with our printers, who say they are becoming nervous wrecks from wrestling with the exciting details of Columbian copy.

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Discoverer Discovered—Dr. H. A. Davis, Denver, publisher of the *Vest Pocket Philatelist*, has written as follows: "Noting your editorial in the WEEKLY under date of March 23rd, relative to a variety of the two-cent brown of 1883, recalls to mind my two column description of this variety in No. 98 of the *Stamp Journal*, February, 1908. . . I have written to Mr. Ashenhurst relative to the same and have sent him a copy of the number in question." We thank Dr. Davis and are pleased to attribute the discovery to him. A reader has directed attention to the same variety in the 2-cent green, 1887, which, naturally could be expected as the latter stamp was printed from the plates of the red brown stamp.

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Shop Talk—A dealer had just bought an ordinary collection that contained a few good United States and a customer looking over the pages saw a thirty-cent, 1861, catalogued at 75 cents. "How much?" he asked pointing to the stamp. "One dollar,—it catalogues 75 cents," said the dealer. "Is it a rare variety?" questioned the surprised collector. "Exceedingly," answered the dealer, "it's a used copy, perfect in coloring, centering and cancellation. Catalogue is too cheap for it but I have good average copies in stock at half catalogue. I would have paid catalogue for the stamp which I expect to put in my 'beauty book.' Condition counts, you see." "Yes," said the collector, "it counts like a circulation manager or the candidate who estimates his majority before election."

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Joys Forever—When interrogated as to what his "beauty book" was the dealer aforesaid said that when absolute perfection was embodied in a used stamp of the better grade, exclusive of rarities, that ordinarily came rather poorly, he could not hope to sell it at an adequate price. Consequently, he enjoyed putting it in a book among other exemplars of the maximum of perfection in used specimens, with the expectation that some day a champion of condition would come along and pay prices that would make those quoted in the catalogue farcical, indeed. We suspect this dealer to be a real stamp lover, as many of the dealers are, and that he takes this exclusive course because he loves perfect stamps and hates to see them go from his possession.

NEWS GLEANINGS.

Under this heading we desire to publish all the news from the various philatelic centers Correspondents' names will be given unless prohibited as we desire to give full credit for services rendered.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from Herman W. Boers, (3), A. P. S. No. 3553; Edward Ebbels.

—G. A. Hunt sends us some specimens of chemical changelings and the results are certainly very interesting. It is a well-known fact that reds, greens and blues are easily changed by the action of acids and the recent article by Mr. Kjellstedt has no doubt resulted in considerable experimenting along this line. Mr. Hunt adds, "The 2c blue Navy can easily be changed to green. Fortunately however, no matter how good a changeling is made, there is one simple re-agent that will restore it to its original color."

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Continuing the subject the *P. G.* says:—"Just as little as possible of the back should be covered, as any portion of the original gum, once covered by a hinge, is practically lost for ever.

It was ever thus.

The *Stamp Journal,* U. S. A., is reponsible for the following:—"Readers have not been at all backward about renewding their subscriptions—our list of inluiquents is much smaller this year than in previous years."

A very eloquent way of putting it, but surely a small pocket dictionary should be given as a premium.

The *Stampster* of Olathe, Kansas is an amusing little stamp paper. Its editor evidently has his likes and dislikes. He says:—"Generally speaking, the surcharge is another freak that merits excoriation. What do you think of Nicaragua? Biff! This indulgent old gentleman is going to tell you what he thinks of Nicaragua. Last Monday he took a garden rake and cleaned the Banana Republic out of his album and gave the whole bunch to his little grandson to paste on the bulldog's back!"

The McTavish, also Biffs, but whose bulldog? Buster Brown's?

The same versatile scribe refers to the obsolescent U. S. A. series of 1908! I hope this isn't the result of Bertram having gone to live in California!

A year or so ago I commenced storing up my *P. J. G. B.'s* with the idea one day, when I felt strong enough, of reading Mr. P. L. Pemberton's series of articles on the stamps of Greece. The months slip past, and Mr. Pemberton's paper grows more and more like Tennyson's Brook. In the meantime I am studying the 1878 edition of the late Edward L. Pemberton's Handbook which says, *apropos* Greece.

"Remarks.—No attempt has been made to divide the shades; they are very marked, but innumerable."

Pemberton *père* seems to have got there in three lines.

The following are a couple of extracts from an American auction catalogue:—

"13.—Further, the question of gum on an unused stamp, or a straight edge or an off centered copy, should not be called 'damaged.' We do not so consider it. Many stamps are better off and safer to handle and keep if they have no gum, others never had gum. Straight edges which are from the outside stamps of the sheets were so issued as were also such stamps as are not perfectly centered.

"14.—Again, a weak place described in the catalogue does not affect the face or front of a stamp and cannot be generally noted unless the stamp is held up to the light, and if it is not a badly skinned stamp it is considered a good copy and frequently is of magnificent appearance."

13.—The stamp may be better off without gum, but the owner won't be.

14.—To obviate this difficulty either do not hold the stamps up to the light—or else always arrange your stamps in the sanctity of a dark coal cellar.—*Phil. Journal Gt. Britain.*

SELKIRK'S CENTENNIAL POSTMARK.

We have received from Edward Ebbels and J. W. Longnecker specimens of a new stamp cancellation for Winnipeg, Canada. Mr. Ebbels sends us a clipping from the Winnipeg *Free Press* giving the particulars.

The cancellation is oblong rectangular in shape and encloses the following in four lines: —"Selkirk Centennial, Winnipeg, July 10-20, 1912."

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UNITED STATES.—We are indebted to William L. Aldrich & Co., Arthur Barger, Thomas Hyatt and Henry C. Buland for specimens of the new Postal Savings official envelope and information regarding the same. The stamp is similar to those previously chronicled, and is printed in very dark green on oriental buff paper, watermarked "USSE—1911" in the current type for ordinary envelopes. The envelopes we have seen are in the official size.

Postal Savings Official Envelope.

1c dark green on oriental buff.

Arthur Barger reports having the 1c violet postal savings stamp on paper watermarked single line letters.

Thomas Hyatt reports having seen the following Postal Savings official envelopes: Size 7, 1c green on amber, 1911 watermark; size 7, 2c red on white, both 1907 and 1911 watermarks; size 8, 2c red on white, both 1907 and 1911 watermarks.

Donald H. Graham sends us specimens of the 1c blue of 1895 and 1c green of 1908, which have the right line of the right triangle broken, similar to that reported by W. O. Thiede in No. 1101. Mr. Graham also sends a permit No. 143, 6c, of Sacramento, Cal., which has been changed to No. 155, the new frame and the lines obliterating the old one being printed with a rubber stamp. Mr. Graham reports the 4c envelope with the 1911 watermark.

Nathan Cobe has shown us the new 2c stamp, with figures in the lower corners, imperforate.

H. C. Buland, H. H. Harned, Wm. C. Haase and F. B. Eldredge report the following new precancels:

Battle Creek, Mich., 2c 1911, normal, type II.
Wheeling, W. Va., 1c 1911, normal, type I.
Brattleboro, Vt., 2c 1908, normal, type I.
Providence, R. I., 1c 1908, inverted, type IV.
Racine, Wis., 5c 1911, inverted, type VI.
Racine, Wis., 6c 1911, inverted, type VI.
Racine, Wis., 1c 1911, normal, double, type VI.
Racine, Wis., 1c 1912, inverted, type VI.
Racine, Wis., 1c 1908, reading down, type I.
Racine, Wis., 1c 1908, reading up, type I.
Racine, Wis., 3c 1908, reading down, type I.
Racine, Wis., 10c 1908, reading up, type I.
Racine, Wis., 2c 1911, normal, type VI.
Racine, Wis., 2c 1911, inverted, type VI.
Milwaukee, Wis., 1c 1911, reading up, type V.
Menasha, Wis., 1c 1911, reading down from right to left, type I.
St. Louis, Mo., 3c 1908, normal, type II.
St. Louis, Mo., 3c 1911, normal, type II.
Newport, Ky., 1c 1911, reading up, type II.
Chattanooga, Tenn. (St. Elmo Sta.), 1c 1911, normal, type IV.
Waterloo, Ia., 2c 1911, normal, type II.
Waterloo, Ia., 2c 1911, inverted, type II.
Decorah, Ia., 1c 1911, normal, type I.
Lincoln, Neb., 1c 1911, normal, type II.
Minneapolis, Minn., 1c 1911, normal, type V.
Minneapolis, Minn., 1c inverted, 1911, type V.
Minneapolis, Minn., 4c 1911, normal, type V.
Minneapolis, Minn., 6c 1911, normal, type VII.
Baltimore, Md., 1c 1911, normal, type I.
Baltimore, Md., 4c 1911, normal, type I.
Baltimore, Md., 6c 1911, normal, type I.
Sanford, Me., 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 15, 1911, normal, type I.
Westbrook, Me., 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 15, 1911, normal, type I.
Adams, Mass., 4, 15, 1911, normal, type I.
Toronto, Ont., 1c 1912, normal, type I.
Brockport, N. Y., 1c 1911, normal, type VIII.
Westgrove, Pa., 4c 1911, normal, type III.
Binghampton, N. Y., 1c 1911, normal, dated 12-11, type I.
North Adams, Mass., 1c 1911, normal, type I.

AUSTRIA.—We are indebted to Lawrence Wheeler for a specimen of compound envelope or wrapper from Austria, the 5h and 10h Jubilee stamps of 1908 having been printed upon the same piece. The particular specimen at hand has been used as a label upon a book sent to the Principal of the High School at Princeton, Indiana, so that we cannot say surely whether the original document was an envelope, a wrapper or simply a label.

BERMUDA.—Benedict Prieth shows us the new 2½d ultramarine in the "Hog Money" type, which was issued March 26. It is certainly a beautiful stamp.

Adhesive.

2½d ultramarine.

A correspondent writes to *Ewen's Weekly*, as follows:— "The bicoloured farthing stamp is sold out at the local post offices and none can be had anywhere. If the new unicoloured issue is not quickly forthcoming, it is possible that a bisected ½d stamp may be used provisionally, as there is a great demand here for the farthing value.

"No 6d and 1sh values have been on sale here for months, and nobody seems to know when the new issue will be forthcoming. There has been some talk of provisionals, as there is a large demand for the high denominations for the payment of postage on large parcels of Easter Lily bulbs etc., which often amounts to 4 or 5 shillings.

"Will the next issue of 6d and 1sh be Queen's head or dockyard design in the new colours, or will it be in the Ship type? This is a question nobody here seems able to answer. If the new stamps are of the Queen's Head or dockyard type, they will undoubtedly soon be scarce, as they will be quickly superseded by the stamps of the Ship design. It is rumoured here that the stocks of 2d, 2½d, 3d and 4d are running short, and no doubt their places will soon be taken by Ship type stamps in the new colours. The 3d is the only one of these which has not yet appeared on multiple paper."

COLOMBIA.—The Colombian government has opened a competition for the designs for a new series of stamps, which are to be engraved on steel and upon which will appear the portraits of Caldas, Narino, Santander, Bolivar, Sucre, Ricuarte, Cordoba and Camilo Torres.

DENMARK.—A correspondent in Copenhagen has notified the New England Stamp Co. that by a fire in the state printing office all the stamps in process and the machines have been destroyed. The Postal authorities, however, will prepare as soon as possible, new provisional stamps, surcharged 4 on 8 ore, 15 on 24 ore, 35 on 16 ore and 35 on 20 ore, of the stamps of 1873, and 35 on 32 ore official. Other provisionals will be prepared of the 5, 10, 15, 20 and 35 ore values. Some of these provisional values are likely to become rare, and possibly may be sold in a few days after being placed on sale.

We are also indebted to Henry Koch for the above information.

We reproduce from *Ewen's Weekly* the following translation of an article upon stamp matters in Denmark, which supplements the information given above:

"From the 1st April there will be issued to the public postage stamps of 35 ore, but in consequence of different causes, amongst others the fire which took place in January in H. H. Thile's Printing Establishment, where the postage stamps are produced, it would have been fraught with difficulties to get ready a sufficiently large stock of the new stamps, which will be produced in the same type as the current stamps with His Majesty the King's portrait, and the Postmaster-General has therefore allowed his stock of remainders of the 16 and 20 ore public issue and 32 ore service stamps of the 1875 issue to be overprinted 35 ore as public stamps. The surcharged stamps will be placed on sale in the Post Offices on 1st April and only after the stock of these stamps is used up, will 35 ore stamps with His Majesty the King's portrait appear.

"Also one's attention is drawn to the surcharging of the 8 ore stamps of 1875 and 24 ore stamps of 1901 respectively to 4 and 15 ore. The overprinting will be carried out in the same manner as in 1904, when an edition of the same stamps was surcharged with the same values.

"Further the Directorate of the General Post Office intends in the course of April to sell by public auction the official remainders of stamps of the skilling values and of the 5 ore stamps of 1879 together with a small quantity of the 8, 16 and 20 ore stamps of the 1875 issue, of which stamps the bulk of the remainders are being surcharged, as announced above, respectively 4 and 35 ore."

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KING EDWARD VII ENVELOPE, WRAPPER AND POST-CARD STAMPS OF GREAT BRITAIN.

By Lionel W. Crouch.

(Concluded from page 15 — Jan. 13.)

Issue of 1911.—On the 31st December, 1910, the contract with Messrs. Thomas De La Rue & Co. for supplying postage stamps, envelopes, wrappers, and post-cards expired, and was not renewed. Messrs. McCorquodale & Co., who had printed the registration envelopes since their inception in 1877, secured the stationery contract as from the 1st January, 1911.

Although designs for the new Georgian stamps were then under consideration, the new contractors proceeded to manufacture envelopes stamped with the dies bearing the bust of the late King Edward VII. The first deliveries were made to the Post Office authorities some time in February, 1911, and collectors were all agog to notice any characteristic by which the McCorquodale prints could be distinguished from those by De La Rue.

It has since transpired that Messrs. McCorquodale & Co. have not made use, for the post office envelopes, of the same dies as Messrs. De La Rue, viz., those bearing the letters B.R. (Bunhill Row) on the base of the bust. No doubt it was seen that it would be an anomaly that dies purporting on their face to be for use in Bunhill Row should be used by the new contractors at their works at Wolverton, Bucks, or perhaps the authorities wished to make use of the several dies which had been prepared for, but which had not been brought into, use at Somerset House for stamping private stationery. Whatever may have been the reason, towards the end of March post-office envelopes were discovered stamped with numbered dies. The 1d die 80 was first discovered, followed by die 85. Late in April the ½d die 75 made its appearance on post-office envelopes, struck in a deeper, though still pale, shade of green than any of the De La Rue printings. These are all that have been reported up to the time of writing, and it should be noted that none of the above dies have ever been known to have been employed for stamping private stationery at Somerset House.

B. Registration Envelope Stamps.

Issue of 1902.—With the issue of the Edwardian registration envelopes an innovation was introduced, consisting of a stamp combining the registration fee and a single postage rate. Theretofore registration envelopes had been stamped with a 2d embossed stamp representing the registration fee only, adhesive stamps having to be affixed to denote payment of the ordinary postal charges. The new envelopes were stamped with a 3d embossed stamp inscribed REGISTRATION TWO PENCE and POSTAGE ONE PENNY; they were issued early in February, 1902, and were announced by the following official notice:—

"No. 1.

"REGISTERED LETTER-ENVELOPES.

"Introduction of a combined Registration and Postage Medallion.

"It has been decided to substitute for the present medallion (value 2d) on Registered Letter-Envelopes a Brown Medallion (value 3d), denoting a registration fee of 2d and postage 1d.

"The price of the new Envelopes of all sizes will consequently be 1d per envelope more than the price of the old ones, and will be as follows:—

Size.	Price.	
	Per Single Envelope.	Per Packet of Twelve.
F 5¼ by 3¼,	3¼d	3s 3d
G 6 by 3¾,	3½d	3s 4d
H 8 by 5,	3¾d	3s 9d
H2 9 by 4,	3¾d	3s 9d
K 11½ by 6,	4d	4s 0d

"When the new envelopes are used, no adhesive stamps will as a rule be necessary, but in cases where a registration or Insurance Fee of more than 2d is paid, or the postage is more than 1d, adhesive stamps should be placed on the envelope immediately to the left of the Medallion. The new envelopes will be on sale at all Post Offices in the course of the next few weeks.

"By Command of the Postmaster General.

"General Post Office,
"21st January, 1902."

The Forty-Eighth Report of the Postmaster-General on the Post Office, dated July 29th, 1902, makes the following reference to these new stamps:

"STAMPS.

"Registered Letter Envelopes.—Another change has been made by substituting a brown medallion, value 3d, to cover the registration fee 2d, and postage 1d, in place of the former blue medallion which covered the registration fee only."

The registration envelopes have, for many years past, been printed by Messrs. McCorquodale & Co., Ltd., and this firm still holds the contract. Also the public cannot have stationery stamped with these dies at Somerset House, as in the case of the ordinary envelope stamps. The design shews a colourless embossed bust of King Edward VII to left within a double-lined circle which contains a crown at top and is inscribed REGISTRATION TWO PENCE at left and POSTAGE ONE PENNY at right; a small ornament separates these two inscriptions at the bottom; the diameter of the outer circle measures 21½ mm. This stamp was struck in brown, varying slightly in depths of tone.

Twenty-four dies were prepared, all of which shewed the die-number on the base of the bust. Dies 1 to 18 inclusive have been brought into use. The dates of registration of the dies were as follows:—

Dies 1 to 12, January 13th, 1902.
Dies 13 to 24, October 7th, 1904.

The first delivery by the printers was made on January 20th, 1902.

C. Wrapper Stamps.

Issue of 1902.—The stamps printed upon the wrappers for printed matter do not call for such extended treatment as the envelope stamps, partly owing to the existence of only two denominations, and partly because there is no means on the stamps themselves of ascertaining from what particular plate they were printed. For, unlike the envelope and registration envelope stamps, the stamps now under consideration were not embossed and struck from the working die, but were printed typographically from plates in a similar manner to the adhesive stamps of this country.

The two values, ½d and 1d, are both in different designs. The ½d is upright, rectangular, with rounded corners, and shews the King's head to left on a solid circular background surmounted by a crown; curved tablets above and below are inscribed POSTAGE and HALFPENNY respectively in coloured capitals; the design measures 19 by 30 mm. The 1d also shows the King's head to left, but on a solid oval ground, surrounded by a narrow coloured band containing a colourless zig-zag pattern which is broken at top by an ornamental tablet containing a crown; outside this again is a colourless band, the lower part of which is inscribed POSTAGE ONE PENNY in coloured *sans-serif* capitals, the space between the inscription and the crown being filled in with conventional foliage; the design measures 29 mm. in height and 25½ mm. in width. The colour of the ½d is dark green, and that of the 1d is carmine.

These stamps were printed by Messrs. De La Rue & Co. until December 31st, 1910, when their contract expired, and were, as we have said, printed from typographic plates in sheets of 14. Several plates were also in use at Somerset House for printing private stationery, vaccination certificates and various Government papers. The Somerset House impressions may be recognised by the shades and by the paper; in the De La Rue printings on post office wrappers the colours vary very little, and the paper is always buff, while the Somerset House ½d varies considerably in shade, and the 1d from red to orange-red, and the paper may be any colour, frequently white.

The ½d was registered on November 20th, 1901, and was issued in January, 1902, the first delivery having been made by the printers on December 3rd, 1901. The 1d was registered on January 22nd, 1902, and issued in February, 1902; the first delivery of this denomination was made on January 25th, 1902.

The public can purchase ½d wrappers in uncut sheets of 14 in not less a quantity than a quarter ream of 120 sheets, on giving two or three days' notice.

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The Boston Philatelic Society.

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Boston, Mass., April 13, 1912.

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The amendment to the Statutes concerning the Bourse will come up for action.

The applications of Messrs. Paul Schwank, William E. Field and William C. Polk will be acted upon.

This is to be a Recruiting Meeting and a large attendance of members and friends is urged. A portion of the entertainment will be a competition for the best arrangement of a set of from 10 to 15 stamps of any country, sheets for which may be obtained from the Committee, or a page from the member's album may be entered. An auction for the benefit of the Recruiting Com. will follow, the stamps to be donated for the purpose, and they should be stamps or lots likely to bring about 50c.

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Distribution No. 41, sent to the participants on April 5th, consisted of the following 47 new issues: Argentine Republic 1, Australia 14, Bavaria 2, Belgian Congo 5, Bulgaria 2, Dahomey 3, France 1, French Guinea 3, Great Britain 1, Ivory Coast 1, Portugal 1, St. Pierre and Miquelon 1, Soudan 4, Tonga 3, Venezuela 1, Wurtemberg 4.

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A correspondent suggests that an article dealing with hard-to-get stamps would be appreciated by our readers. We invite contributions to a symposium, suggesting that it be confined to stamps that catalog $2.00 and under. We shall hope to have a sufficient number of entries to make a worthy contribution to our columns.

WITH THE BOY PHILATELIST.

Edited by BERTRAM W. H. POOLE, Box 231, Altadena, Calif.

We propose to insert upon this page matter that will be of interest to the boy collector. Some two thousand boys are now on our mailing list and it is our desire to come closely in contact with them in such a manner as will be most helpful. Any information desired will be cheerfully rendered through these columns. Do not submit stamps for examination.

INVERTED WATERMARKS.

A correspondent writes, "Why are inverted watermarks not catalogued?" If we were of a flippant turn of mind we might reply "Because the mind of the catalogue publisher or compiler is a curious thing full of kinks, warps, holes, and inconsistencies." Seriousness, however, being our long suite we will endeavor to reply in a fitting manner—the more so as the same correspondent bombards us with the further query "Are these varieties not as collectible as inverted surcharges and other errors?"

We will start to answer these queries in a roundabout manner by asserting once more, even at the risk of being accused of vain repetition, that philately is essentially a hobby in which the individual can and should please himself on the subject of what he collects. Consistency has to give way to personal whims and foibles and in a stamp collection or stamp catalogue, fashion, popular and individual prejudice, all contribute their influence in the formation of the one and the compilation of the other. With regard to catalogues in particular the fact must not be lost sight of that they are the price lists of some firm or other, and this fact largely accounts for the almost uncanny inconsistency these meritorious publications have managed to achieve.

Some collectors detest perforation varieties, others look upon varieties of watermark as an unmitigated nuisance, some delight in shades, and others find the greatest pleasure in vagaries of surcharge, flaws, and minor varieties generally. Nearly every collector has some pet fancy or prejudice and because some philatelists condemn certain stamps or varieties it does not follow that every one else does likewise. Catalogues carry these preferences to even greater length depending perhaps on the popularity of certain stamps, stock on hand, or "business" inducements instead of purely philatelic ones. All catalogues seem to be agreed on one point—and that is the exclusion of varieties of inverted watermarks. This is all the more remarkable when we observe that both Scott and Gibbons differentiate between the Crown A watermark of Papua placed sideways and upright and the latter also sub-divides the rosette watermark of the same country into "horizontal" and "vertical" varieties (upright and sideways). Oh! consistency thy name is certainly not Scott or Gibbons! But we must not get sidetracked into a dissertation on catalogue inconsistencies or, like the brook, we should run on forever—or, at any rate, until the editorial blue pencil checked us.

Our correspondent invites comparison between inverted watermarks and surcharges. In surcharging stamps the printer has to examine each sheet to see that it is right way up but in printing stamps we doubt if any extraordinary precautions are taken to see that the watermarked devices are right way up in relation to the design. Thus inverted watermarks are more or less irresponsible varieties while inverted surcharges are the result of negligence.

On the other hand the scarcity of inverted watermarks in the stamps of certain countries seems to point to a reasonable amount of care being taken as to the manner in which the watermarked sheets are fed into the printing presses. Thus stamps with inverted watermarks in these countries are errors and as such are certainly worthy the attention of the specialist. In other countries, however, no care whatever is taken as regards the way the paper is placed on the machines. New South Wales forms an excellent example for here inverted watermarks are as common as those right way up. Then, too, in the case of stamps issued in book form inverted watermarks are of no particular interest for the manner in which the plates are constructed results in half the stamps having the watermark wrong way up. Again in the case of stamps like some of those of Grenada in which every alternate row of stamps was inverted on the plates it follows that the philatelic interest attaching to inverted watermarks is slender in the extreme.

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There is no doubt that some stamps with inverted watermarks are of a considerable degree of rarity and it is equally incontestable that, in some cases, the position of the watermark affects the market value of a specimen. The catalogue value of the first 1d stamp of Great Britain in used condition is 20c yet varieties with inverted watermark have sold for as much as $2.50.

AN INTERESTING STAMP.

While many of the first stamps (Number ones as a friend aptly calls them) of some countries are rarities but few collectors can hope to possess, others are, fortunately, within the means of every collector. One of the most interesting of these is the first stamp issued in Norway—a stamp which though issued nearly sixty years ago is still procurable in nice used condition for about 15c. This stamp is remarkable as being one of the few which has no name on it to indicate the country of origin and it is also one of the limited class forming a complete issue in itself. The decree authorising the issue of this 4 skilling label was passed on September 29th, 1854, and the stamp was placed on sale on January 1st, 1855. It was only intended for domestic use, which fact probably accounts for the absence of name. The design consists of a lion rampant, holding an axe, on a ground of vertical lines within a shield. This is surmounted by a crown, the whole being on a horizontally lined circle. Above is "FRIMAERKE" and below is "4 SKILLING," these inscriptions being in white characters on solid color. Small conventional ornaments in the corners complete the design. The stamp was designed by a mechanic of Christiania, named Zarbell, and he also engraved the die. The stamps were printed by lithography by Wulfsburg. Minor varieties may be found and there is a well marked error worth looking for in which the lion has a double foot on the right hind leg. The stamps were printed in sheets of 200 arranged in 20 rows of 10. The shade enthusiast will find quite a number of well defined shades and as the paper was hand made varieties of different thickness may be found. The stamps were imperforate and though each is watermarked with a lion and axe the watermark is not always easy to distinguish.

SHORT REPLIES.

Mrs. C. F. B. (Berkeley).—The stamp you describe is a local—a German one I believe—of no particular value I am afraid.

E. G. B. (New Bedford, Mass.).—The bisected provisional you mention is by no means uncommon. Cannot say what it is worth. (2) I do not know of any firm that will buy postal cards.

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(Continued from page 123.)

Issue of 1904.—The colour of the ½d wrapper stamp was changed from dark green to pale green late in 1904, in conformity with other stamps of the same denomination. This stamp in the new colour was registered on September 13th, 1904, and was issued late in December, 1904.

The details of manufacture are necessarily the same as in the case of the dark green ½d, but in the Somerset House impressions of this stamp still greater variations of shade are to be found.

"Stamford Mercury" Obliteration.—Before leaving the wrapper stamps, we consider we shall not be out of order if we refer briefly to the peculiar obliteration, or pre-cancellation, employed on wrappers enclosing copies of the *Stamford Mercury* sent through the post. In 1870, on the establishment of the newspaper and book post, this paper together with the *Times* took advantage of the provision allowing the postage on newspapers, under certain conditions, to be prepaid by means of stamps impressed on the paper itself. From 1878, however, the *Stamford Mercury* abandoned the use of their special stamp, but adopted a special obliteration which was applied to the postage stamps on the wrapers, whether adhesive or impressed, before the papers left their offices. This cancellation consisted of a small obliteration containing the number allotted to Stamford, 742, enclosed in a circle with the word STAMFORD below, and with an outer scroll containing the name of the newspaper, STAMFORD MERCURY. This obliteration, of course, may be found on both the King Edward ½d wrapper stamps.

D. Post-Card Stamps.

Issue of 1902.—As in the case of the wrapper stamps, the post card stamps consist of only two values, namely, ½d and 1d and were printed typographically from plates, and not embossed.

The design of the ½d is rectangular, and shews the King's portrait to left on a solid octagonal ground surmounted by a cross; solid tablets on either side are inscribed POSTAGE, on the left reading upwards, and on the right reading downwards; a straight solid tablet at bottom is inscribed HALFPENNY. The stamp measures 18½ by 22½ mm. The colour is dark green.

The 1d is very similar to the ½d in design, except that the King's head is on a hexagonal, instead of an octagonal ground, and the inscriptions are in colour on white instead of *vice versa*; also there is an ornament on the outside of the stamp at top, bottom and sides. The colour is a rose-carmine.

Messrs. De La Rue & Co. were also responsible for the production of these stamps until the end of their contract, December 31st, 1910, but in like manner as the wrapper stamps, plates of the ½d at any rate were used at Somerset House for stamping private cards. These stamps were printed in sheets of 42, and the ½d could be supplied to the public in uncut sheets in not less a quantity than a quarter ream of 120 sheets. It should be noted that the 1d was also used for stamping letter-cards, and therefore may be obtained on thin, blue card.

Numerous plates were constructed, especially for the ½d, owing to the various changes in the size and quality of the card. The first registration of the ½d took place on November 20th, 1901, and of the 1d on December 23rd, 1901. Both values were issued in January, 1902. The dates of the first delivery by the printers were December 2nd, 1901, in the case of the ½d, and January 2nd, 1902, in the case of the 1d.

Issue of 1904.—In December, 1904, the ½d post-card stamp made its appearance in pale green instead of in dark green, having been registered in the former colour on September 13th, 1904.

The details of manufacture are of course the same as in the case of the last issue.—*Stamp Lover.*

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WHY I COLLECT USED STAMPS.

By C. J. T. UTERMARK.

(Paper read before Seattle Philatelic Club March 13, 1912.)

Primarily, perhaps because canceled stamps are cheaper as a rule and more plentiful and easier to acquire. When starting collecting as a little boy at school, about all we had and could get were used stamps, which were mostly acquired via the waste basket route. At times when we managed to get a hold of some pennies, we bought stamps from one of the many small dealers, and always trying to get as many as possible for the money, we invariably bought packets. As we could not buy packets at a postoffice, and the dealers who had our patronage did not deal in uncanceled stamps, it very seldom happened that an unused stamp found its way into our hands. We had heard from some wise ones amongst us and from some grown-ups, that stamps were counterfeited, and we naturally thought that a stamp that had been canceled or was stuck on to something or had no gum on the back, must of course have been used on letters and therefore, could not have been counterfeited (we have learned better since). A stamp that was new and showed bright colors and shiny gum on the back was not to be trusted, and in our humble opinion was a bad stamp. We had no catalog nor had ever heard of such an instrument and knew nothing of the value of a stamp, except what we could make the other fellow believe. Of course, one's stamps were always better and if you could make the other boys give you three or two stamps to your one, that much the better, if not, stamp for stamp was just as good, as long as we got one we did not have. This trading and saving in used stamps when a boy, has perhaps more to do with my collecting canceled or used stamps than anything else. And is this not the way most collectors make their beginning? Very few start collecting after they are grown up, and no boys ever do start collecting unused stamps.

It was not the intention of the different postal administrations to make postage stamps for sale to collectors, for there were no collectors when the first stamps made their appearance. (Postage stamp collectors or Philatelists developed later on as by-products.) But a postage was made to be put on a letter or parcel to show that a certain amount of money had been paid by the sender of the letter or parcel to a Government, who for that amount paid, undertook to deliver said letter or parcel to the party addressed. Therefore I hold that a postage stamp that has actually been used, really served the purpose it was created for, while an unused postage stamp has done no duty whatever, and is nothing more nor less than a printed piece of paper that derives its value solely from the fact that it was sold, or supposed to have been sold by a Government for a specified amount. This, I think is the real reason I collect *used* stamps only.

Since becoming a real live collector, my requirements of what should constitute a canceled stamp have changed somewhat. There used to be a time when any canceled stamps would do, but now I want them in perfect condition, and lightly and finely canceled, by which I mean a cancellation, that while it should show plainly the place it came from and the date, still it should be canceled in such manner as not to obliterate any part of the design or give the stamp a dirty appearance. And is it really so easy to get postage stamps in such fine used condition? For instance, anyone can purchase at a postoffice a nice, clean set of the current U. S. stamps, or from most any dealer, but how many of us can show a finely used set, or how many dealers can furnish same in such used condition that one need not be ashamed to put them into a good album. In order to get nice used stamps that come up to my requirements I am always on the lookout for nicer copies than I have in my collection, and I think that this continually looking for nicer copies keeps up the interest in collecting stamps, and makes the collector himself more familiar with what he has in his collection. While a collector of unused stamps simply buys them out of the postoffice, from a dealer, or gets them through the many new issue services, and when he gets them, puts them into his album, and

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promptly forgets about them. And have you ever noticed how happy a collector of used stamps is when he gets a fine used copy, even of the most common variety, and how willing he is to show everybody how nice it really is. Of course, everybody knows what the unused stamp looks like.

And is it always true that a used stamp is cheaper than the unused? So far as the first issues of most of the old stamp issuing countries are concerned, yes, for even in unused condition some stamps are far and few between, but such stamps are only for rich collectors that know not what to do with their money, not for general collectors with limited means. And as to the common run of stamps, these are of course cheaper, but when it comes to harder-to-get stamps, this is not always so. Take for instance the higher values of our U. S. stamps. I can still go to the postoffice and purchase a 1902 issue $2.00 blue, for exactly $2.00, but unless I can find one, what person or dealer will sell me a finely used copy of the same stamp for that amount. I will gladly trade even. I am more than willing to trade even with the $ values of our Columbian issue, which unused I can purchase for about face value and even less, while for a finely used copy even a Diogenes may hunt for with a modern searchlight almost in vain. There are many other instances where the used stamps are at least even in price with the unused. Many of the German Colonials, French Colonials, Portuguese Colonials, and also British Colonials bring as good prices used as unused.

There are many instances where the used stamps are harder to get and higher priced than the unused, some of the issues of Porto Rico, Cuba, Philippines for instance, also genuine cancellations on stamps of Labuan, North Borneo, Hamburg, etc. A few British Colonials are not to be despised in used condition, as the provisional issues of Orange Free State, Transvaal, New Hebrides Condominiums, Gilbert-Ellice Islands, etc.

Of course a collector of used stamps has to contend with forged cancellations, as on stamps of Hamburg, Heligoland, Switzerland, Roman States, Provisional British Colonials, Japan, and others, but as these are mostly on high priced stamps, such stamps need not be purchased or acquired unless passed upon by an expert. We also have canceled-to-order stamps, like Labuan, North Borneo, Victoria, etc.; or canceled remainder stamps, like St. Helena; or fiscally canceled stamps, but all of these are very easy to tell, and should not be purchased or collected unknowingly.

I also believe that if we would collect used stamps only, it would do away with a lot of new issues, that are absolutely unnecessary and uncalled for, from countries that have them manufactured and put on the market to derive revenue from collectors only. The Seebeck's of Nicaragua, Salvador, etc., are a good example.

Canceled stamps may also at times help us in detecting forged surcharges. The other day in going through my collection I find that I have a fine used copy of Porto Rico 1898 provisional issue 3c ultramarine, surcharged Habilitado, which in at least two catalogs is priced at $4.00. According to all information I have these provisionals were not in use before 1898. Upon inspecting this stamp closely, I find that the cancellation shows the date "1896", which would leave no doubt as to the character of the surcharge. (As I only paid the magnificent sum of 4c, my loss is not very great.)

There is also a very interesting byway open to the collector of used stamps, that is entirely denied the collector of unused stamps, namely the collecting of postmarks. For instance one may try and collect stamps of a country, showing a cancellation from every city or town of that particular country. I understand that there are several collectors in the United States that are doing this with the stamps of the U. S. In my own collection I have several stamps showing cancellations from States when they were still territories. One might also include in this the Pre-cancels of the different countries that make use of them.

Another interesting side line for the collector of used stamps, is the collecting of stamps of a country that were used in foreign lands. For instance, United States stamps used in China, Japan, the Philippines, Cuba or Porto Rico. Or the stamps of Great Britain used in their colonies before these colonies had their own stamps. Or the stamps of Queensland used in Papua or British New Guinea, before the latter had their own stamps. There are also the stamps of Chili used in Peru during the war. And there are other cases of this kind.

We also have fiscal stamps of countries that have done postal duty, which can only be collected by the collector of used stamps. For instance, Jamaica, Hong Kong, Victoria, and other British Colonies have such stamps, not to forget Great Britain itself.

The foregoing I think you will find some good reasons why I prefer collecting used stamps. But now just a little word of warning to the "Perfection Copy" Crank. Do not pass up a harder-to-get stamp because the cancellation does not quite come up to your standard, but take it, and it can be replaced with one that does come up to your requirements later on, otherwise you may find that you will have a good many blank spaces in your album, as I have already found out to my sorrow. As I have mentioned before, it is very easy to get most stamps in fine unused condition, but you will find it mighty hard to get some of them in fine used condition, it at all.

LITTLE KNOWN ERROR OF BELGIUM.

Under the above title, a correspondent of *L'Annonce Timbrologique* gives the following account of a supposed 40c of 1861 on *blued* paper:—

"This stamp is very rare, and but few copies are to be met with. It was formerly only to be obtained from Moens. This is all the information that we have been able to collect relating to it:—It was evidently the result of an error of the paper; a blued sheet must have been put by mistake among the other sheets and so passed through the press. At that period, 1861, things were not looked into so closely, and the superintendence of the workshops was not so careful as at the present day. There was only a single sheet of these stamps, three hundred copies. This sheet was sent to Brussels, and Mr. J. B. Moens, having heard of this error, went at once to the Post Office and took what remained on sale, about half a sheet, which accounts for his having been the only person who possessed the stamp. Of used copies but very few are known. Unused have also become rare, and blocks are veritable objects for research; we know of a very fine one in a collection at Brussels."

Are these last few words the key to the whole story? Curiously enough, M. Moens, who was not likely to have forgotten so interesting a discovery, did not include this *error* in his catalogues of 1877 and later (we have no earlier edition at hand to refer to), and says not a word about it in his book on *The Stamps of Belgium*, published in 1880, and we think it may safely be affirmed that he never possessed anything of the kind.—*Gibbons' Monthly Journal.*

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FRESNO, CAL., April 8, '12.

To the Editor:

Referring to recent notes about Confederate States A7 and A8 in the WEEKLY, I find that I have separated them by an entirely different method than either Mr. Poole or Mr. Lyons, and I have extreme difficulty in following out Mr. Lyon's method. Take the cheek bone line in A7; it continues upward across the eye to the bridge of the nose and to the outline of the face. In A8 this does not extend upward to the eye at all, but continues downward in a curve paralleling the chin and giving a peculiar double-faced, until it ends in a wrinkle of the neck, back of the beard.

Mr. H. Wesley Legg, whose knowledge of stamps is never-failing, informs me that Bavaria No. 114, about which I inquired in the March 30th issue, is one of the world's rarities and that the last copy recorded sold brought $2,000.00, which easily accounts for its being on my want list. Its rarity is also confirmed by the New England Stamp Co.

Would it be of interest to your readers to know where to secure the list of Belgium cancellation numbers? I aminformed that this list appeared in *Le Philateliste Francaise* No. 71 et seq.

CHARLES E. JENNEY.

CLEVELAND, O., April 13, '12.

To the Editor:

Is there a stamp collector living, who does not grow indignant every time he comes to handle United States issues, because of the slovenly work done in perforating? Each of our stamps is a thing of beauty, if it be well centered, but how difficult it is to obtain fine copies. If I wish a high denomination of a new issue, and the clerk at the post-office window is a grouch, as often occurs, how am I to obtain it? I do not wish to risk buying a $1.00 or $2.00 stamp without examining it, for the chances are long that the perforating machine has butchered it.

If several thousand of the several thousand readers of the WEEKLY would simultaneously address a letter of protest to the Postmaster General, against this evil, pointing out how the beauty of our stamps are marred, and asking him to use his efforts to obtain better perforation, I believe we would get results. All in favor please say Aye!

OLD TIMER.

VALUE OF POSTAL SAVINGS STAMPS.

We have received from W. I. Mitchell, M. D. and Van Dyk MacBride replies to a question printed in the WEEKLY some three weeks ago relating to the value of postal savings bank stamps. We quote herewith the prices fixed by Mr. MacBride as being justified by the comparative scarcity of these stamps, condition being given proper consideration:—

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TETE-BECHE GREAT BRITAIN.

Franz Saip of N. Y. City has shown us a vertical strip of four of the 1 penny King George Die 1, the two middle stamps being *tete beche* and the outside stamps uniform in arrangement with their mates. We do not remember of this having been chronicled in either the English or American philatelic press and besides being an interesting novelty, they will no doubt prove a great rarity.

Mr. Saip informs us that the strip was obtained from a slot machine.

NEWS GLEANINGS.

—R. J. Hummel sends us a clipping giving us the particulars of an aerial mail service between New Orleans and Baton Rouge. The aviator was George Mestach. We can find no indication that any special postmark was made for the occasion, though a thirty-two pound pouch of mail was delivered by Mestach to the Postmaster at Baton Rouge. A return trip to New Orleans is upon the schedule, but delayed by injuries to the machine while effecting a landing.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from Frederic C. De Puy (3), Jas. J. Prendergast, S. M. Edwards, C. Emig, Jr., R. J. Hummel (2).

—Bright & Son have purchased the very fine collection of entire post cards, envelopes, wrappers, etc., formed by the late B. W. Warhurst. There are 12,000 pieces in the collection in addition to a large number of duplicates.

—The E. B. Cookson Co. of Rochester, N. Y., has disposed of its business to L. Lawrence Albright of the same city, who will continue the business under the firm name of the L. L. Albright Co. Mr. Cookson informs us that he is going into the South American mail order business. He pays this tribute to our publication:—"I want to say that the WEEKLY was the biggest pulling power for business that we had." Mr. Albright of the new company, whose advertisement will be found in this issue, will make a specialty of South and Central American stamps and promises our readers a prompt report upon the new stamps as they appear.

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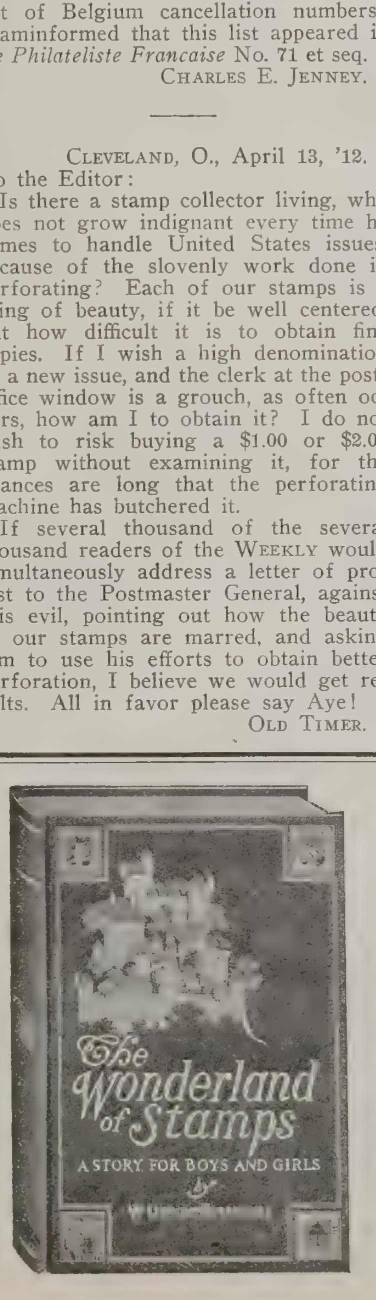

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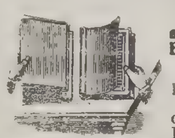

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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

EDITORIAL.

Going—We have been informed by competent authority that the one-cent adhesive, official postal savings stamp has been discontinued. In the official notice nothing was said to give this understanding as the statement merely was that "a stamped one-cent envelope had been provided." No doubt, any stock of the one-cent adhesive on hand will be used but it will not be long before this stamp, about which no little interest has centered, will be obsolete.

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Heed—To the credit of a Washington dealer, it is to be said that he refused to purchase certain unused official postal savings stamps that were offered him. Later, when he sought information at the department about the status of these unused stamps in their philatelic relation, he was told that the postal officers did not recognize the right of possession of these stamps unused by persons unattached to the active service of the department. Further, it was maintained that the unused stamps in charge of an outsider would be construed as furnishing *prima facie* evidence that they were held illegally; and that the department arrogated to itself the privilege of confiscating any such stamps should it be deemed advisable to enforce this reservation.

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New—According to a newspaper special from Paris, France has adopted the system of naming the hours from midnight to midnight, from 1 to 24, thus dispensing with the somewhat confusing terms of "a. m." and "p. m." It had been found that a test of the new arrangement had worked with satisfaction in the telegraph department and so, beginning with June 1, the reform will be extended to the postal service. The new postmarks will be something of a novelty to collectors; and "23" for instance, will be eleven o'clock at night. It is said that the Canadian Pacific railway has used this system in its service across the continent for some years.

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Rich—In commenting upon the sale of certain of the collections of the Earl of Crawford to Mr. W. H. Peckitt, the *London Philatelist* says that the health of the distinguished philatelist "has unfortunately latterly left much to be desired" and that in consequence, it would have been injudicious for him to have attempted the "transfering and writing up" of the vast number of stamps sold. Let us wonder; the collection "of Italy alone" contained twenty volumes.

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Funded—Dr. J. M. Holt advocates the idea of an endowed philatelic journal and the fact that he submits his own paper for preferment does not weaken the force of his suggestion as we are convinced that the good doctor's motives are impersonal and actuated by an unselfish devotion to philately. In brief, the plan is that a fund be collected of sufficient size to yield an interest return of some appreciable amount. While the principal would be held intact, the interest would be available for expenditure on the publication; and a yearly sum for distribution would ensure the perpetuity of the paper. The novelty of Dr. Holt's proposal is such as to compel attention; and the sponsor says that at his death he would bequeathe his paper with one or two hundred dollars to the trustees or custodians of the fund. The trustees would be selected according to their reputation and reliability and would have to be of a character to enjoy the full confidence of the philatelic public. The administrators of the fund would be a board of three or more trustees who could "be provided by the contemplated American Academy of Philately, or by the 'Fellows' of the A. P. S. if such a group be created in lieu of an 'Academy'." Dr. Holt's scheme is altruistic enough but it is one so original and creditable to the proposer as applied to philately that it is worthy of attention. An endowed philatelic journal of course would not be a subsidized one; on the contrary, the great advantage carried by the endowment would lay in the assurance that the paper could be independent and that it would not be necessary to balance any financial considerations.

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Continuity—From the foregoing paragraph it must not be inferred that Dr. Holt intends to do other than continue to publish his paper. Indeed, he is positive on this score but like many another man who feels a pride in his handiwork or creations, he wishes his work to live after him. Hence, the connection of the endowment plan with *Everybody's Philatelist.* We do not know how responsive the influential or affluent philatelist would be to the call; and while he might not regard the question a visionary one, yet it is likely that he would proceed with a deliberation that would harry the souls of the philatelic Utopians. We shall be curious to know whether Dr. Holt receives any tangible encouragement of his idea; we trust that he does and that it grows to solid proportions. In this place, the pious hope is expressed that any transfer of the Doctor's paper to a trusteeship be long deferred and that the Doctor himself will live to become a marvel of philatelic longevity.

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(*Contributed by Chas. G. Brown, Jr.*)

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(*Contributed by Frederic C. De Puy.*)

I would like to mention Peru No. 304. The rest of the set are hard enough, but that one seems to be the limit. Some other cheap ones that I can't get hold of, are:—Angra 29, 30, 31; Fernando Po 20; Hungary 141 and 143; India 14 and 24; Japan 6 and 7; Martinique 6, 20, 21; Mexican Postage Dues; New Caledonia 11, 35; New Zealand 352.

As for Bavaria No. 114, mentioned by Mr. Jenney, the Yvert & Tellier catalog says that only six copies were ever used; so it is hardly in the "Under $2" class. According to the same catalog Bolivia '94, 100c is cheaper (unused) on thin than on thick paper. I have a copy of it.

(*Contributed by Edw. Sauers.*)

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The No. 3009a U. S. is not priced in Scott's but were sold several years ago at 75c to $1.00 a pair. This is a very hard stamp to get as there were just 200 pairs issued.

(*Contributed by Alfred C. Haven, Jr.*)

Any collector should be happy, if he can get the 1902 Grecian set, with the initials A M in the upper corners, complete. The stamps of this issue are not rarities by any means, as the five lepta only catalogs at five cents and the two drachma, the highest value, is only priced at one dollar. One hardly ever sees these stamps advertised by a dealer and few collectors have any of them in their albums.

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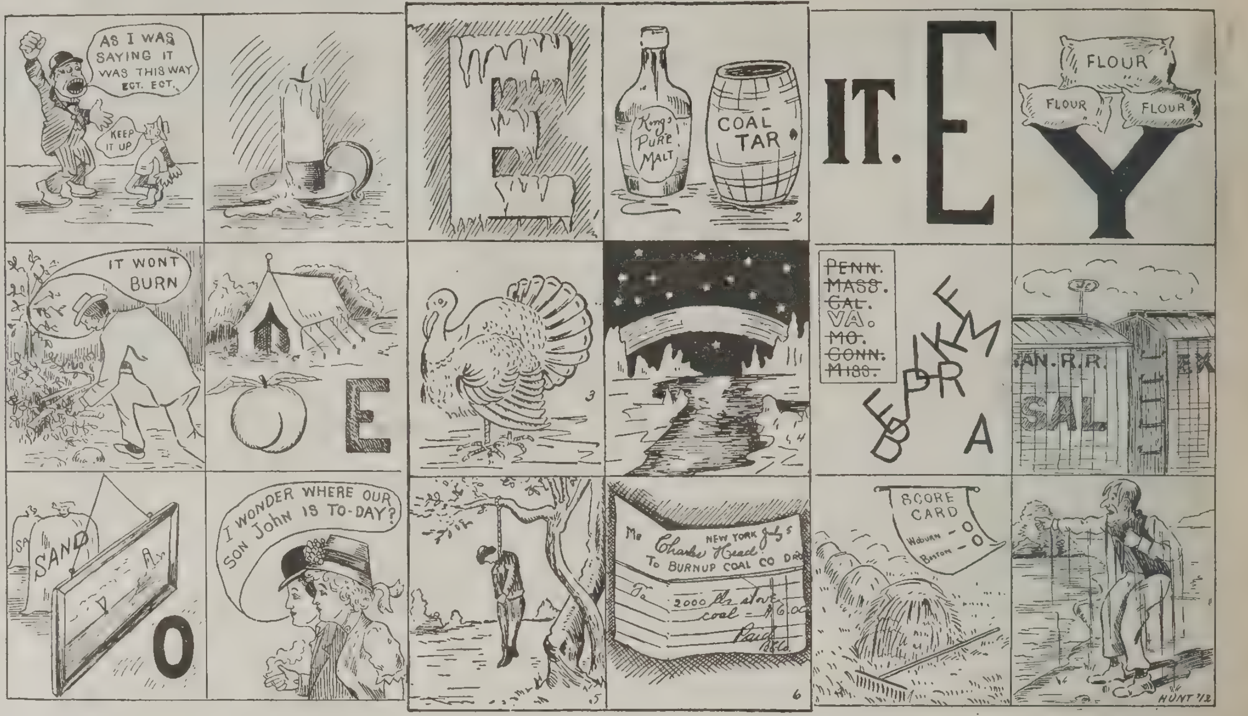

OUR PICTORIAL REBUS CONTEST.

This contest proved even more difficult than the previous one, for the reason that several members were capable of two or more solutions, all of which were equally correct. Mr. Hunt, however, had placed in our hands in advance a list of his answers and numbers 1, 10, 15 and 18 proved stumbling blocks to the contestants.

While the solutions to the rebus as given by Mr. Hunt are arbitrary in nature, the contestants were no doubt aware that this feature could not be avoided. A summary of the contest will no doubt be of general interest.

The correct list of answers follows:—

1	Gabon	2	Greece	3	Chile
4	Malta	5	Italy	6	Saxony
7	Greenwood	8	Campeche	9	Turkey
10	Iceland	11	Valona	12	Salonica
13	San Marino	14	Parma	15	Baden
16	Charleston	17	Hayti	18	Benin

First honors are accorded to A. B. Paine, who sent in an absolutely correct list with the exception of No. 10. His entry named Stellaland in place of Iceland.

Second honors are awarded to Frank C. Clark. It will be noted that Numbers 14 and 15 are answered incorrectly, but nevertheless the entry possesses so much merit that we publish it herewith in its entirety.

(1) I can hear the Kids say, GAB ON Mister, we don't mind.

(2) Nothing but GREECE.

(3) 20 below zero and it's CHILE.

(4) A bucket of Suds and, MALTA.

(5) Oh you tall E, ah there ITALY.

(6) Flour, Gold Medal, Sacks, Y, Oh yes, Sacksony. Saxony.

(7) Easy. Greenwood. Lots of it in Oregon.

(8) Peach. Can peach, no, yes Campeche.

(9) Thanksgiving time, but not for TURKEY.

(10) It looks like the North Pole or at least Iceland.

(11) VA. Topsy turvy letters and a Lon(e) A, makes VALONA.

(12) Toot toot. Sal on a car, SALONICA.

(13) Fine view of the Ocean, Sand from the ocean O, San Marin O.

(14) I wonder where our son John is today? He is making Strait Settlements in *SUNGEI UJONG*. Soon he will be Wenden his way homeward and will be Indore.

(15) Poor fellow. He is Dedeagh than a door nail. He must have Scinde. The place might also be called Lynchburg.

(16) My advice is for Chas. to move to Southern Oregon where he will not be bothered with coal bills. CHARLESTON.

(17) Mr. Hunt will have to do better for Woburn in the next game; as it is it must be HAY TI.

(18) I guess we have all been there, I do not blame the old man for being ANGRA. He has BENIN.

We give third place to B. M. Randall, who, however, answered No. 15 by giving Hungary in place of Baden. The solution was weakened in his replies to numbers 1 and 18, where Samoa and Angra were respectively named as alternatives for Gabon and Benin.

James J. Prendergast is awarded fourth place. He is entitled to the honor of a complete answer but it is also weakened by his solutions to Nos. 1, 15 and 18. On No. 1 he gave Gabon and Bhore, No. 15 Pahang, Cordova, Baden and Shanghai, No. 18 Angra, Benin and Newfoundland. Mr. Prendergast cannot be ranked higher for the reason that the end of the rebus was to select the countries presented by the author of the rebus, and this is defeated by sending in alternative answers.

The entry of Rev. L. R. Benson was a very meritorious one. A very nearly complete list was received from E. P. Morehouse who informs us that he is a stamp collector "seventy-nine years young." The entry of Iska Duval submitted in verse possessed considerable merit, but not sufficient for us to be warranted in printing the same.

In addition to the list of leading contestants as given above entries were also received from the following named collectors: Chas. Huscher, Elbert B. Charman, Walter R. French, Dr. H. S. Johnson, Mrs. J. A. Bowen, M. W. Turner, Anna A. Doolittle, Miss M. E. Cary, Jos. Wood, Chas. R. Trowbridge, Chas. E. Fisher, Major Gilman, T. R. Hungerford, David D. Reid, O. D. Challans, S. W. Shepard, Geo. D. Pettit, Fred L. Koepf, Jas. Lewis Howe, Jr., Frank Kocher, G. H. Dickinson, Irva Saucerman, D. E. Lantz, Philip Michels, Rev. L. R. Benson, H. T. Willcox, Iska Duval and E. P. Morehouse.

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Budapest Collector Sorry He Parted with $175,000 *Collection.*

BUDAPEST, Mar. 25.—Robert Holitscher an amateur stamp collector, recently sold his collection to a dealer for $175,000. He began collecting eight years ago to amuse his little son, but soon became an enthusiastic philatelist, and in a few years had invested heavily in his hobby. The collection contains some very rare specimens. The group of Spanish stamps alone is estimated to be worth $35,000.

Holitscher is believed to have made a profit of $50,000 on the transaction, whilst the purchaser, Bela Szekula, expects to make as much more. Szekula began collecting when fourteen, and two years later, with only 50 shillings in his pocket went out to Madagascar to collect rare Colonial stamps. In a few years he became one of the largest wholesale stamp dealers in the world. The late owner is said to have repented of having parted with his precious stamps and has offered to buy them back at an advance of 10 per cent.—*N. Y. Tribune.*

Cayman Is. 1902, ½p, 1p, (2 var.)	single	CA	.14
Montserrat 1903, 2½p	"	"	.10
Somaliland 1904, ½p, 1p, (2 var.)	"	"	[illegible]
So. Nigeria 1902, ½p, 1p, (2 var.)	"	"	.24
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Edited by HENRY A. KIDDER.

Any information regarding new issues will be gratefully received and acknowledged. Address HENRY A. KIDDER, 17 Addison St., Arlington, Mass. Letters calling for a reply should contain a self-addressed, stamped envelope. We cannot give applicants the addresses of our correspondents. Correspondence regarding precancelled stamps must be sent to FRANK B. ELDREDGE, Attleboro, Mass., when due credit will be given in this department.

UNITED STATES.—Frank B. Eldredge and Ferdinand Gottlieb send us specimens of the new 1c stamps with Shermack perforations. Mr. Eldredge also shows us the 1c imperforate and the 2 new 2c imperforate horizontally, and perforated 8½ vertically. All are in used condition.

Alvah G. Clark reports the new 2c imperforate horizontally and perforated 12 vertically.

Victor Seitz and Lowell J. Ragatz also report the new 1c postal savings envelope.

Lowell J. Ragatz, Erwin G. Ward, Frank B. Eldredge, H. C. Buland, S. M. Schoemann, report the following new precancels:

Rock Island, Ill., 1c 1911, normal, type II.
Milwaukee, Wis., 1c 1911, reading down, type V.
Dayton, Ohio, 1c 1911, inverted, type II.
Lockport, N. Y., 1c 1911, normal, type V.
Chicago, Ill., 10c 1911, inverted, type V.
Scranton, Pa., 2c 1912, normal, type II.
Cleveland, Ohio, 4c 1911, normal, type IV.
Cleveland, Ohio, 4c 1911, inverted, type IV.
Cleveland, Ohio, 5c 1911, normal, type IV.
Cleveland, Ohio, 5c 1911, inverted, type IV.
Chicago, Ill., 5c 1911, normal, double, type V.
Chicago, Ill., 5c 1911, inverted, type V.
Akron, Ohio, 4c 1911, normal, type V.
Binghampton, N. Y., 1c 1911, normal, dated 2-12, type I.
Binghampton, N. Y., 5c 1911, normal, dated 2-12, type I.
Poultney, Vt., 1c 1911, normal, type I.
Poultney, Vt., 2c 1911, normal, type I.
Poultney, Vt., 5c 1911, normal, type I.
Chicago, Ill., 3c 1911, normal, no upper line, type V.
Gloucester, Mass., 1c 1911, inverted, type I.
Chicago, Ill., 1c 1912, normal, type V.
Rochester, N. Y., 3c 1911, normal, type II.
Lyons, N. Y., 1c 1911, normal, type I.
Lyons, N. Y., 1c 1911, inverted, type I.
Lyons, N. Y., 1c 1911, normal, double, type I.
Lyons, N. Y., 6c 1911, normal, type I.
New York (G. C. Sta.), 1c 1911, inverted, type II.
Buffalo, N. Y., 2c postage due, normal, type IV.
Brockton, Mass. (Cam. Sta.), 1c 1911, normal, type I.
Adams, Mass., 1c 1911, normal, type I.
Boston, Mass., 4c 1911, inverted, type V.
Brockport, N. Y., 1c 1911, inverted, type VIII.
Lockport, N. Y., 1c 1911, inverted, type V.
Scranton, Pa., 10c 1911, normal, type II.
Denver, Col., 1c 1911, normal, type I.
Denver, Col., 2c 1911, normal, type I.
Denver, Col., 3c 1911, normal, type I.
Denver, Col., 4c 1911, normal, type I.
Denver, Col., 5c 1911, normal, type I.
Denver, Col., 6c 1911, normal, type I.
Denver, Col., 8c 1911, normal, type I.
Denver, Col., 10c 1911, normal, type I.
Denver, Col., 1c 1911, inverted, type I.
Denver, Col., 2c 1911, inverted, type I.
Denver, Col., 10c 1911, inverted, type I.
Griffithville, Ark., 1c 1911, normal, type I.
Griffithville, Ark., 2c 1911, normal, type I.
Bristol, Vt., 4c 1911, normal, type I.
Cleveland, O., 6c 1911, normal, type III.
Cleveland, O., 1c 1911, normal, type III.
Cleveland, O., 2c 1911, inverted, type III.
Cleveland, O., 4c 1911, inverted, type III.
Cleveland, O., 4c 1911, normal, type III.
Cleveland, O., 10c 1911, inverted, type IV.
Ashland, O., 1c 1911, inverted, type V.
Ashland, O., 2c 1911, inverted, type V.
Ashland, O., 2c 1911, normal, type V.
Akron, O., 2c 1908, normal, type IV.
Akron, O., 1c 1911, normal, type IV.
Akron, O., 1c 1911, inverted, type V.
Akron, O., 5c 1911, normal, type V.
Philadelphia, Pa., 15c 1908, normal, type II.
Philadelphia, Pa., 50c 1908, normal, type II.
Philadelphia, Pa., $1 1908, normal, type II.
Philadelphia, Pa., $1 1908, normal, type I.
Chicago, Ill., 1c 1911, inverted, upper a hair line, type V.
Chicago, Ill., 2c 1911, normal, no lower line, type V.
Chicago, Ill., 2c 1911, normal, no upper line, type V.
Chicago, Ill., 4c 1911, normal, no lines, type V.
Chicago, Ill., 5c 1911, normal, no upper line, type V.
Chicago, Ill., 10c 1911, normal, no upper line. type V.
Chicago, Ill., 15c 1911, normal, no lower line, type V.
Chicago, Ill., 5c 1911, normal, no lower line, type V.
Chicago, Ill., 2c 1908, normal, no upper line, type V.
Chicago, Ill., 15c 1908, normal, no upper line, type V.
Elgin, Ill., 2c 1908, normal, type II.
Morton, Ill., 1c 1911, normal, type I.

W. A. Girton adds the following to the list of permits with stamps over, printed in No. 1110:

Kansas City, Mo., No. 199, 1c with 1c.
St. Louis, Mo., No. 29, 1c with 1c; same with 1c Shermack.
New York, N. Y., No. 774, 1c with 1c; No. 314, 1c with 1c.
Chicago, Ill., No. 819, 1c with 1c Shermack; No. 287, 1c with 1c; No. 529, 1c with 1c; No. 349, 1c with 1c; No. 111, 1c with 1c; No. 226, 1c with 1c; No. 540, 1c with 2c imperforate; No. 229, 1c with 2c; No. 856, 2c with 2c; No. 540, 2c with 2c; No. 227, 1c with 1c; No. 251, 2c with 3c; No. 239, 3c with 3c; No. 657, 17c with 15c and 2c.
Minneapolis, Minn., No. 3, 1c with 1c.
LeRoy, N. Y., No. 3, 1c with 1c.
Cincinnati, Ohio, No. 93, 1c with 1c; No. 224, 1c with 1c.
Dixon, Ill., No. 6, 1c with 1c imperforate.
Grand Rapids, Mich., No. 136, 1c with 1c.
Albert Lea, Minn., No. 4, 1c with 1c.
Springfield, Mass., No. 21, 1c with 1c.
Grand Haven, Mich., No. 1, 1c with 1c.
Fort Wayne, Ind., No. 28, 1c with 1c.
Scranton, Pa., No. 4, 1c with 1c precancelled.
Boston, Mass., No. 2, 1c with 1c.
Columbus, Ohio, No. 49, 1c with 2c.
Cooperstown, N. Y., No. 1, 1c with 2c.
Springfield, Ohio, No. 4, 1c with 2c; No. 20, 2c with 1c.
Wabash, Ind., No. 5, 2c with 2c.
Racine, Wis., No. 1, 2c with 1c precancelled.
Yankton, S. D., No. 1, 3c with 2c and 1c.
Milwaukee, Wis., No. 18, 6c with 6c.
Detroit, Mich., No. 133, no value with 1c.
No town given, No. 1, 3d class, 2c with 2c.

Richmond Beeman reports:

New York, No. 607, 2c with 3c.

Rupert D. Davis reports:

New York, N. Y., No. 245, 5c with 5c; No. 457, 1c with 1c.
Columbus, Ohio, No. 2, 1c with 1c.
Orange, N. J., No. 1, 2c with 2c.
Fort Wayne, Ind., No. 28, 1c with 1c.

William C. Haase reports:

Chicago, Ill., No. 811, 15c with 15c precancelled; No. 610, 6c with 6c precancelled; No. 1, 5c with 3c.
New York, N. Y., No. 680, 3c with 3c; No. 457, 3c with 4c; No. 273, 5c with 5c; No. 99, 1c with 1c Shermack.
Cleveland, O., No. 1, 1c with 2c.
Sidney, Ohio, No. 1, 1c with 2c.
Fort Wayne, Ind., No. 2, 1c with 2c.
Three Rivers, Mich., No. 1, 2c 3d class, No. —, with 3c precancelled.

Lowell J. Ragatz reports:

New York, N. Y., No. 99, 7c with 3c and 4c.
Milwaukee, Wis., No. 126, 2c with 2c imperforate.
Chicago, Ill., No. 30, 4c with block of four 1c precancelled, with two 2c newspaper cancellation over all.

AUSTRALIA.—Mr. Schachne has received an additional assortment of the cards and several varieties of the letter cards noticed in No. 1094. The only new feature on the cards is that these have the portraits of the Queen and the Prince of Wales and some changes in the shades of color. One of these is a brown instead of yellow-brown.

The letter cards (and cards) have the same very ordinary stamps as on the previous lot. The two headlines are "Commonwealth of Australia—Letter Card" with three lines of instructions below and the reverse shows on each some local scenery in a large oval. Perf. IV.

Letter Cards.

1d blue on pale blue.
1d green on pale blue.
1d brown on pale blue.
1d blue on white.
1d red-brown on white.
1d yellowish brown on white.
1d dark brown on white.
1d rose on white.

CHINA.—A subscriber who signs himself A. P. S. No. 3553 sends us definite word that the current issue is being surcharged "Provisional Govt." and that the same will appear some time in April. This provisional issue should prove a very interesting one.

FRANCE.—Mr. Schachne shows us the Paris Pneumatic letter card of 30c with the instructions on the reverse in smaller type and an increased number of stations. There are the same number of lines (17) as before but the first sentence now is in three lines instead of four. No change on front side.

Pneumatic Letter Card.

30c dark purple on blue.

HONDURAS.—*Champion's Bulletin* chronicles the issue of a stamp, printed to commemorate the accession to the Presidency of the Republic of Gen. Manuel Bonilla, which took place February 1, 1912. Only 3,000 copies of the stamp were printed, and it was in circulation one day only, and then only in the city of Tegucigalpa. It was lithographed and perforated 11½.

Adhesive.

1c vermilion.

JAPAN.—*The Illustrated Briefmarken Zeitung* announces that 3s carmine of 1906 has been surcharged with the word "Gundji" in Chinese characters, for the use of Army and Navy in the field. Two of these stamps are issued each month to the soldiers and sailors actually on service in China and Corea.

KEDAH.—This Malay state, which was ceded to Great Britain by Siam, at the same time as Kelantan and Trengganu, is to have a set of stamps shortly. In fact, it is reported that they are being printed in London, and will soon be issued.

LUXEMBURG.—Whitfield King & Co. have now shown us the 62½c on 87½c chronicled in No. 1110. The surcharge is in red, in condensed Antique type 3 mm. tall, and running horizontally across the stamp just under the Grand Duke's chin.

NEW ZEALAND.—A 1d stamp, with portrait of King George is being prepared. The design which seems likely to be accepted, shows the oval containing the King's head is supported by a symbolic figure of Zealandia and a Maori chief.

PORTUGAL.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us another value of the new series.

Adhesive.

2½c violet.

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.—W. H. Peckitt and Whitfield King & Co. send us the 4c, palm type, in a new shade and on chalky multiple paper.

Adhesive.

4c purple.

TASMANIA.—W. H. Peckitt has shown us the 2d pictorial stamp, watermarked Crown A, and perforated 11.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The applicant signing himself "Vowter," 18 years of age, Arkansas City, Kansas, is one whom we do not want as a member. The application is therefore cancelled and fee returned. Persons in dealing with him are cautioned to have the balance on the favorable side of the ledger.

Dr. W. I. Mitchell, No. 164, Wichita, Kan., who became a member Sept., 1903, and resigned in March, 1908, dues fully paid, has asked to be re-instated.

Dues received during March, from 209, $1.00.

S. M. EDWARDS, Sec.
ARGUSVILLE, N. D., Apr. 8, 1912.

WITH THE BOY PHILATELIST.

Edited by BERTRAM W. H. POOLE, Box 231, Altadena, Calif.

We propose to insert upon this page matter that will be of interest to the boy collector. Some two thousand boys are now on our mailing list and it is our desire to come closely in contact with them in such a manner as will be most helpful. Any information desired will be cheerfully rendered through these columns. Do not submit stamps for examination.

THE REAL BEGINNER.

My mail this week brings me a letter that is a distinct departure from the usual run of my correspondence. As a rule the questions I am invited to reply to are those dealing with difficulties that confront the reader who has had a certain amount of collecting experience but the letter I have just received is from a tyro whose interest in stamps has been aroused by the receipt of a sample copy of the WEEKLY. True, the germ of philately was there, though dormant for many years, and the receipt of a stray copy of the WEEKLY has fanned the spark into what I hope will become a sturdy flame. My correspondent writes:—"Several years ago, while a child, my brother interested me in the collecting of stamps. It took my fancy more for the novelty of seeking for new ones continually, and the placing of each stamp with its country. So that now I have in the neighbourhood of 1000 different stamps. I have practically forgotten my collection until recently I chanced to receive a sample copy of your paper. But it is exactly like reading a foreign paper to me, for I know nothing about this work, and it is all too deep for me. So I am taking the liberty of writing to enquire what is the object of making such a collection other than the novelty of it? How is one to know what stamps you still need for each country; also what is meant by such terms as cut-squares, 1f on 1f claret, and olive green, etc. What book is best, and where obtained, that you would advise me to buy as a beginner that would be large enough and have enough illustrations to enable me to place my stamps correctly. I have a cheap book which would accommodate 2500, but it is far too small. How would you advise me to start a collection and then continue it?"

Now though most of the points raised in this letter are matters regarding which the man or boy who is not already a collector desires information many of them deal with phases of our hobby on which most collectors who are in the "beginner" class desire enlightenment. As a matter of fact most of these queries have already been answered on this page but as new subscribers are being added to the WEEKLY at the rate of about a hundred a week a little repetition will probably be welcomed by a large proportion of my readers.

First of all we will refer to the "object" of making a collection. This question might well be answered by asking, "What is the object of anything?" The man without a hobby of some sort is to be pitied and in these days is quite a rarity. We are most of us hobbyists and with the ever increasing pressure of living we might almost say that the object of a hobby is to preserve one's sanity. Among hobbies in general we claim for stamp-collecting—with very good reason, too,—that it is the most popular pastime in the world. It is an intellectual amusement; one that trains the powers of observation to a high degree; one that develops habits of accuracy and neatness; and one that is a true recreation inasmuch as it gives welcome relief to the over-active brain, taxed with business cares, and stimulates the sluggish brain that is usually not occupied enough. But this phase of the subject was treated at some length in my article, "Philately as a World-wide Hobby", in the WEEKLY for January 27th last. As this appeared so recently readers who are interested can obtain a copy of the WEEKLY containing same by remitting 5c to the publishers.

The next requisite is a catalogue and probably Scott's will prove the best for our enquirer as it follows a strictly alphabetical arrangement. This can be obtained from practically any dealer advertising in this journal. With the catalogue the identification of one's stamps is an easy matter after a little practice. In this volume, too, quite a number of definitions of philatelic terms are given together with much other useful general information under the heading of, "Hints to collectors".

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As I have had many other letters lately asking questions dealing with what I may perhaps call "elementary" philatelic matters I propose during the next few weeks running a series of articles covering much old ground, but which will, I hope, prove helpful to our many new readers.

SHORT REPLIES.

B. J.—The stamp you describe bearing the inscription "Holkar State Postage" belongs to the Indian State of Indore. You will find it in both Scott's and Gibbons' catalogues under the general heading of India.

C. F. M.—The figure on the 2s 6d stamp of Malta is, I believe, not intended to represent Britannia but is emblematical of the Island of Malta.

H. L. S.—Your stamps are (1) a German local (2) an Austrian fiscal (3) Bulgaria, and (4) Montenegro.

G. F.—The differences in the designs of the Cuban stamps of 1899 and 1905 were due to a change of manufacturers. The printing contract was originally held by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing and then fell to the American Bank Note Co. The latter had the dies of the 1c, 2c, 5c and 10c stamps slightly altered so that their work could be distinguished from that of the former contractors. But they are also easily recognisable from the fact that they are printed on unwatermarked paper.

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Chinese Republic.—In our last issue we chronicled the issue of the current Chinese stamps overprinted with four Chinese characters signifying "Provisional Neutrality," but a few days after the lists were printed we received advice that although a certain quantity of the stamps were so overprinted they were recalled before the date appointed for their issue, as the Republican leaders objected to the words "Provisional Neutrality" and preferred to have the existing stamps remain in use until a permanent Republican set could be prepared. In the case of Foochow, however, this notice was too late, as when it arrived the stamps had been on sale for three days. Immediately on receipt of the notice the sale was stopped, and the remainder of the surcharged stamps on hand returned to headquarters as directed. We understand that the values of the surcharged stamps put on sale at Foochow were those of 3c, 7c, $1, $2 and $5, and that the overprint was in one line in red. At the moment of going to press we have received a letter from our Chinese correspondent, to whom we are indebted for much information on this subject, informing us that on the date of his letter, March 14th, an official notice was sent out to the effect that all Chinese stamps are to be surcharged with four Chinese characters signifying "Chinese Republic," and that these stamps will be put on sale the first week in April.

Denmark.—A correspondent at Copenhagen informs us that at a great fire which occurred at the State printing establishment, the reserve stocks of the current Danish stamps were destroyed together with the plates from which they were printed, as well as the printing machines, and that in consequence the Danish Government, to meet the emergency, is obliged to create a number of provisional stamps. Particulars of these have been sent us, but we will defer giving the full details until we have received a supply. It is understood that a number of stamps of old issues will be overprinted for current use.

Gold Coast.—Several philatelic journals have announced the issue of the 5s, 10s and £1 stamps of the King Edward type in new colours, and on the strength of this we sent a large remittance to the Colony for these stamps. This remittance has been returned to us with the information that the stamps have not been issued, and it is not known when they will be placed on sale.

Italy.—We are advised that all stamps bearing the overprint of "ALBANIA" and "TRIPOLI-DI-BARBERIA" have been withdrawn from circulation; the 1c, 5c, 25c, 50c and 1 lira Tripoli stamps have been completely exhausted, the other denominations are still on sale as long as the stock lasts. The Commemorative stamps issued last year are also now unobtainable.

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By BENEDICT PRIETH.

In my Bermuda Notes which you published in a recent issue, I spoke of impending changes in the ¼d, 2d, 2½d, 3d, 4d, 6d and 1s stamps, of this colony, and incidentally advised collectors that it would pay them to keep their eyes on Bermuda. A part of my prophecy materialized more quickly than I had imagined, and before my notes had appeared in print, the ¼d violet and black, Dockyard type, became obsolete. For some reason, however, the new issue was not put on sale until Monday, March 18th, on which date it was obtainable at most of the post offices, as was also the new issue of the 2½d.

The new 6d and 1s has been issued in the ship type and were placed on sale March 26. There was some talk of issuing provisional 6d and 1s stamps, as these values have been obsolete for more than three months and there is a great demand for them here. Under the Parcels Post agreement with England, parcels requiring 3 shillings postage may be sent, and the numerous shippers of Easter lilies, bulbs, etc., naturally were indignant at having to paste so many stamps of low denominations on their packages.

In this instance I think a provisional issue would have been not only justifiable, but positively necessary, but no doubt the tremendous hue and cry which is invariably raised by the philatelic press whenever a British colony finds it necessary to surcharge any of its stamps, deterred the local authorities from taking a step which the situation imperatively demanded. But the wiseacres of the philatelic press always seem to think that they know so much more about these things than the people on the spot, and in this they remind me of individuals one often sees at ball games, who although seated way out on the bleachers somewhere, always know more than the umpire.

When you consider that three steamers come to Bermuda from New York every week and that there is regular direct communication with London, and that nevertheless a shortage of stamps will happen now and then, is it any wonder that small isolated places like the Cayman Islands for instance, where there is very little and very irregular communication with the outside world, is it any wonder, I say, that such places should run short of stamps occasionally?

But I am digressing and will now return to my original subject. As I said before, the new ¼d and 2½d stamps have been issued and the 6d and 1s have appeared as I write these notes. I have been informed that the stocks of the other denominations in the Dockyard design, viz: 2d, 3d and 4d, are running short and all these will no doubt soon be superseded by the new issue. The 4d is not much used here as a general thing, and I believe there was only one printing and a small one at that. The recent shortage of 6d and 1s stamps has brought the 4d into more general use, and no doubt the supply is pretty nearly exhausted. The 3d Dockyard type, still appears with the Single CA watermark, and I believe it is the only British colonial stamp that does so. Am I right in this surmise? This stamp was issued about 10 years ago and is used quite frequently, as it prepays postage and registration to England and the colonies. It is possible that the 3d may appear on multiple paper before the new issue is out, and if it does, then I would advise collectors to lose no time in securing a copy, as unquestionably the supply will be very small. There is no reason why this stamp, if it is ever issued, should not eventually become as scarce as the 6d B. C. A. multiple wmk., which is now quoted at about $3.00. The ½d post card was issued in the ship type a little while ago. This card was chronicled in *Ewen's Weekly* about six weeks ago, but I know positively that it had not been issued at that time.

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The present year marks the jubilee of the science of philately, a very different thing from the mere unintelligent accumulation of postage labels. Philately represents the development upon intellectual lines of the less pretentious pastime of stamp collecting. It stands for the study not only of the stamps themselves but of the various processes involved in their production, and incidentally of the postal systems of the countries of their origin. The philatelist, in short, aspires to reconstruct in minute detail the entire history of a nation's postal issues.

Although stamp collecting had been recognized for some years as a harmless form of amusement for the younger generation, it was not until the early sixties that it began to engage the serious attention of "children of larger growth." About 1862, however, movement was set on foot by a small but earnest coterie of Parisian enthusiasts for the application of scientific methods to the collection and study of postage stamps, which gradually spread to England and other countries where the new hobby had attained popularity. At this period the number of serious adult collectors was small; and, like all other pioneers, they came in for a good deal of ridicule, though the *status* of the men who openly associated themselves with the hobby should have been a sufficient guarantee of its value. The favourite rendezvous for the English philatelic students of those days was an upper room in the London Rectory of All Hallows, Staining, where on Saturday afternoons were wont to foregather at the invitation of the Rev. F. J. Stainforth, the perpetual curate (himself one of the most zealous of early English collectors), such philatelic notabilities as the late Sir Daniel Cooper (first Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales), Mr. (afterwards Judge) Philbrick, Mr. Hughes-Hughes, Dr. Viner (one of the earliest philatelic writers), Mr. Mount Brown, and the celebrated E. L. Pemberton, the greatest philatelic student of his day. Out of these informal gatherings arose the Philatelic Society, London (now the Royal Philatelic Society), which held its inaugural meeting at 93, Great Russell-street on Saturday, April 10th, 1869, with Sir Daniel Cooper for its first president. Two previous attempts at forming philatelic societies had been made, one in Paris in 1865, and the other in New York in 1867; but both had proved abortive, so that the London society may be regarded as the first of its kind. To-day philatelic societies are to be found in almost every civilized country, and at the last congress of British philatelists over forty societies were represented.

Already (in 1862) a stamp trade had sprung up, the firm of J. B. Moens of Brussels having been in existence for over ten years. One of the first postage stamp dealers in Paris was Mme. Nicholas, at whose shop in the Rue Taitbout the leading Parisian collectors of the day used to meet. In England the stamp trade was represented at that time by some half-a-dozen firms, of whom the well-known houses of Gibons, Pemberton, Lincoln, and Smith still survive. Open-air stamp exchanges flourished in those days in the Tuileries Gardens in Paris and in Birchin-lane, London, where animated scenes took place, with much noisy buying, selling, and exchanging of stamps. Frequently the traffic was stopped by this *al-fresco* stamp mart, and on several occasions it was raided by the police and the participants charged with obstruction. A motley crowd of schoolboys, men of all ages and classes, ladies of fashion, and children attended this stamp bourse, and it is recorded that on one occasion a member of the Ministry was observed in the throng. The English stamp exchange died out after a time; but an open-air stamp bourse is still held in the Champs Elysées.

Meanwhile scientific stamp collecting was making steady progress, and the tendency for collecors to study their stamps was becoming more and more common. A further impetus was given to the new mode of collecting by the invention in 1866 by Dr. Legrand, *doyen* of French philately, of the perforation gauge which has since been universally adopted by philatelists. In the previous year the hobby had reached its baptism in the term philately, coined by M. Herpin, another eminent Parisian collector. The year 1862 witnessed the beginnings of what has proved the most extensive literature with which any collecting pursuit has been endowed. In April, 1862, the first English stamp catalogue was produced—a small volume bearing the title "Aids to Stamp Collectors," compiled by a young Brighton artist, Mr. Frederick Booty, and published by Messrs. H. and C. Treacher, of that town. In the following month there appeared the famous "Catalogue of British, Colonial, and Foreign Stamps," prepared by Mr. Mount Brown with the assistance of Dr. Viner, and based on the then extensive collection of Mr. Stainforth. Towards the end of the same year a third English stamp catalogue was issued by the eminent scientist and naturalist, Dr. Gray, of the British Museum. Across the Channel the catalogues of Oscar Berger-Levrault and Alfred Potiquet had reached their second edition, and were followed early in 1862 by those of Moens, Laplante, and Valette. A pirated edition of Mount Brown's catalogue, appearing in Philadelphia in the same year under title of "The Stamp Collector's Manual," was the first philatelic publication in the United States. The earliest planned Stamp Album was also issued in that year by Justin Lallier, of which there were several editions in both English and French.

The periodical literature of the hobby started with the publication on December 15, 1862, of the *Monthly Advertiser,* the first English periodical devoted entirely to stamp collecting. It was followed in February, 1863, by the *Stamp Collector's Magazine,* greatest of all the early English stamp journals, which was edited by Dr. C. W. Viner and published by Messrs. Stafford Smith and Smith, of Bath, price 4d. At the same time there was issued from the Brussels house of Moens the first number of *Le Timbre-Poste,* the leading Continental philatelic paper of the last century. Some idea of the extent of philatelic literature since that date may be gleaned from the fact that the catalogue of the philatelic library of Lord Crawford, recently published, occupies 923 pages large folio.

The jubilee of philately will be appropriately celebrated by British philatelists by an International Stamp Exhibition, on an extensive scale to be held in London from October 14 to 19, 1912, under the auspices of the Junior Philatelic Society. It is worthy of note that the name of one of the early pioneers of British philately, Mr. Mount Brown, figures prominently on the Jubilee Exhibition Roll of Honour.—*London Times.*

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TO THE EDITOR:—

While working in the C. P. S. library the other day I chanced upon a copy of Sterling's U. S. Catalogue for 1887. Curiosity led me to compare some of the prices with those of the present day Scott prices, and I was astonished at the great increase in twenty-four years' time. I enclose a copy of some notes I made, and trust that it will benefit the readers of the WEEKLY.

If you will notice, the prices of two or three items have dropped considerably. I included only the items which had gone up the most, nearly all of those listed have doubled, but the inclosed have increased the most. I call particular attention to the 10 cent 1870-71 grilled, unused.

I am curious to know whether or not Mr. Sterling could supply all of the items listed and at the prices listed. This list was published before my time, so I know little about the author. It is a well-known fact that Scott, Stanley Gibbons, etc. *cannot* supply everything that they list, nor do they pretend to. Perhaps some of your readers can enlighten me.

A 30 cent 1869 inverted center would have been cheap at $50.00 even twenty-four years ago.

I note that the August issue was unlisted and unmentioned in the catalogue at that time.

A. WM. BLOSS.

Comparison of Prices.

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" 10c "	.50	..	12.50	..
" 12c "	.50	..	10.00	..
" 90c "	4.00	..	35.00	..
1870-71, 1c grilled	.50	.25	7.50	.50
" 2c "	.50	.25	5.00	.20
" 3c "	.50	.15	2.50	.05
" 6c "	.75	.50	15.00	3.50
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MILWAUKEE STAMP EXHIBIT.

Secretary Protzmann informs us that the stamp exhibition of the Milwaukee Philatelic Society held at the Milwaukee Public Museum April 19-20-21 was a marked success. The committee in charge was Louis Novotny, H. W. Protzmann and F. W. Noske. The catalog of exhibits follows:—

Wm. Voigt—Philippines on U. S., Cayman Islands, Leeward Islands, Turks Islands, New Zealand, Zanzibar.

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25-30	10c to 30c	..	.35
33	10 on 20c green	..	.08
34	10c on 25c blue	..	.12
35	10c on 30c brown	..	.08
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(We do not hold ourselves responsible for the views expressed by our readers. Our columns are always open for communications of general interest.—Ed.)

ST. LOUIS, MO., April 20, '12.

TO THE EDITOR:

Regarding the paragraph on page 122, second column, about the 1 cent blue of 1895 and 1 cent green of 1898, would say that this broken line at right of right triangle exists in two forms. One is broken about middle way of the line, while another is broken at the bottom of the line, the latter being the widest break, and showing more horizontal lines running through without line crossing, than the former.

These two varieties exist in both the blue and the green. In the green issue I have another variety, showing the lines of both triangles, right and left, broken. Have these in pairs, showing the same breaks, which proves that it occurred in more than one stamp on the plate.

Another variety of U. S. which I have not yet seen chronicled is the Two Cent Hudson-Fulton, with the "O" in the word "Two" so broken that it looks like a "Figure 8" laid on its side. It is a very peculiar variety to describe, but one never forgotten when once seen. It looks like a variety in the plate, rather than to a defect in printing.

Have a vertical strip of three 1 cent blue 1851, "recut" or type four, in which the bottom line of the top stamp was never first removed, and consequently never was recut. All other lines at top and bottom were recut. This is a distinct plate variety, and probably rather rare.

Have added two more to my list of line varieties, shown in your issue of April 13. Number 34, as I term it, has strong traces of the outer line at bottom, it not being clearly removed, but partly.

No. 35 has two guide dots—one in each corner of top of stamp.

FRANK E. GOODWIN.

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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

EDITORIAL.

No Time Lost—The postoffice department rose to the emergency caused by the loss of the Titanic with prompt and effective measures. Almost as soon as the news of the disaster was confirmed, the postmasters in the large cities received a telegram notifying them that the S. S. Lapland, instead of the Titanic would convey the mails that were to have been carried by the Titanic which was scheduled to sail on its return trip from New York on April 20th. The Lapland will leave on that date. It is probable that in the immense volume of mail that was transported on the Titanic there were letters destined for Philatelists in America but let us hope that any loss of the kind has been relatively small.

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Special P. O. D. Order—The celerity with which the postal officers moved to bring order out of the chaotic conditions is exemplified by the following special order issued from Washington so early as April 18th:

"Among the millions of pieces of mail matter carried on the lost S. S. *Titanic*, there were doubtless thousands of dollars' worth of international money orders, together with descriptive lists of such orders. It is assumed that many of the remitters of those orders will communicate with the payees in this country concerning them, and that these payees, in turn, will take up the matter through their respective postmasters.

It is the earnest desire of the Department that in all such cases postmasters give careful attention to the inquiries made and promptly report the facts to the Third Assistant Postmaster General (Division of Money Orders), to the end that every effort may be made to insure early payment to the intended beneficiaries.

JAMES J. BRITT,
Third Asst. P. M. Gen."

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Milwaukee Exhibit—The indications are that a successful stamp exhibition was held by the Milwaukee Philatelic Society, April 19th, 20th and 21st, 1912, at the Milwaukee Public Museum, third floor. The catalogue shows that the exhibition was limited to members of the society and that there were fourteen entrants, whose contributions fairly cover the stamps of the world, particularly in the older issues. Particulars of the displays have been promised for our next number. We are certain that this exhibition will have a stimulating effect on philately in Milwaukee, a city singularly rich in philatelic possibilities.

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Value of a Hobby—At a meeting of the Catholic Woman's League in Chicago, the advisability of cultivating a hobby was the subject of a spirited debate. One speaker said: "The day of the hobby is gone. Riding of hobby horses that used to keep women peaceable and contented is a thing of the past, for to-day, women are neither peaceable nor contented. In the days of hobbies no one expected us to be consistent but to-day, we take everything seriously. In the old days we had stamp books and charm strings with wonderful buttons," etc. Another speaker maintained that the women of to-day regard hobbies as having a place in the art of living as important as ever before. She quoted: "An eminent physician has said that every nation, every people, every person should have a hobby in which to take delight. This, he says, is conducive to long life." The humble husband who wishes to keep his wife home o' nights should know that philately is the best lode-stone. He could use the eminent doctor's advice as a slogan: For a long and happy life use philately.

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Rates and Distances—When the 1847 issue was in use, a correspondent writes, the postal rates were "for a letter not exceeding half an ounce in weight, sent not exceeding 300 miles," five cents, and "sent over 300 miles," ten cents. Who estimated the distances?—presumably the postmaster but how was he to know, unless he were a walking geography? and anyway, geographies did not have this specific information. This reader raises an interesting point that does not seem to have received attention heretofore. Tables of distances from Washington to the capital or largest town of each state were provided; and they showed as well the distance from each capital or largest town to each of the others. These compilations were published at Washington and were copied into various books of reference of the period as well. For instance, one of the tables marks the distance from Washington to Boston as 436 miles; from Boston to New Orleans as 1696 miles. The table with its cross-references covered the United States as it existed postally at that time and made approximation of distance a comparatively simple calculation.

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And Again—Recently, we made mention of a philatelic case in England involving the sale of certain counterfeits of early Tasmania and Victoria, wherein it was ruled by the magistrate that the stamps, ostensibly genuine but in reality forgeries were bought at the purchaser's risk. In referring to the instance, it was remarked that the legal axiom, let the buyer beware, seemed to have been invoked in its extremity. However, all judges are not of the same mind, even in England where justice is dispensed so sternly, yet fairly. The *Daily Mail* of London, tells of the suit of a stamp dealer against a defendant for alleged breach of warranty. The dealer charged that in buying a stamp for thirty-one dollars or thereabouts, the seller guaranteed its genuineness but the stamp later was discovered to be a "specimen" with a faked postmark or a hybrid variety of little or no value. The judge found for the plaintiff to the amount of five pounds and costs and said "if a man was absurd enough to take upon himself the warranty of a thing when he knew nothing about it he must take the consequences." We shall not start a subscription fund to reimburse the poor dealer with the pound and more that he has lost; he can place the deficit against experience.

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How Not To Do—In all reports of transactions that reflect the shady or sinister side of philatey, the paramount moral is that the collector should buy from recognized and reputable dealers from whom redress can readily be had if a mistake has been made by them. The best insurance of satisfaction, financial and otherwise, is to be had by patronizing such dealers and one may rest assured that these dealers can offer bargains with the same degree of enterprise as the non-advertising sort. It is a fallacy to suppose that the dealers who make a real business of stamps are not in the best position to cater in prices and goods to the collector; and occasionally, the collector has an experience that drives home this statement.

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They Are Sane—Opportune of an item in this column two weeks ago: "You say that you hope that postmasters will give uncalled-for copies of your paper to reformatory institutions as you 'know that highly correctional results will follow.' I give my WEEKLIES (and general publications) to the insane asylum here; and I am told that some of the inmates prefer your paper to any other. Do great minds run in the same channel?"

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It is said that the price paid for the half eagle is the next highest price ever paid for a coin, the highest price being $3,600, paid for an 1804 United States dollar by a New York jewelry firm.

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But in our own U. S. the brown Garfield of 1882 in its various shades will keep you on a still hunt for some little time, especially if you desire the imprint, while even the 5c of the St. Louis and Jamestown issues are stamps that are not to be picked up with plate numbers every day.

The 2c Canada 1859 or 1c unused of 1868 in good condition seem to be very “hard to get” except in large auction lots.

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My collection is made up almost exclusively of unused British Colonials, and amongst these stamps I find many which come under the above classification. In a review of my album, the stamp which seems to head my list is Western Australia No. 80, the 5d 1902-3 issue wmk. V and crown and cataloging $1.50 by Scott 1911.

I sought this stamp without success for about two years, having purchased the set, all but the 5d and £1 at auction about that long ago. During this time I only recall seeing one or two listed in auctions which a generous bid did not bring, and requests of dealers were also fruitless. Finally a short time ago, I picked up one from a want list sent to an Eastern dealer—a superb mint copy perf. 12½ at $1.25. The same dealer furnished me with a splendid unused copy of Barbados No. 66, 6d 1882 issue, at $1.10, this stamp catalogues $1.75. I had also bid on this one higher than above price, without success.

Some other stamps hard to get, whilst not so elusive as these two just mentioned, are Malta No. 36, 5d 1904-5, mult. CA, Barbados No. 109, 2d 1907, mult. CA, Jamaica No. 41, 1d 1905-9, mult. CA and Tasmania No. 85, 10d 1899.

All four of above cost me in the aggregate I believe about double 1911 catalogue prices, the only one coming under catalogue being the last mentioned.

Some one else included as very scarce Jamaica No. 47, 1sh brown, 1905-9 issue mult. CA wmk. I still need this stamp and once had an opportunity to get one at $1.10 but at that time considered the price high, but have not had a second opportunity to buy one at that figure.

Another scarce one is New South Wales No. 67, 8d 1882-88 issue cataloging $1.75. I recently had the good fortune to pick up a very fine unused copy for $1.10 at auction.

All of the above cited cases go to disprove the sometimes accepted theory that all *good* stamps, excepting U. S. may be purchased at 50% catalogue.

I could mention others but think perhaps I have used up my share of your valuable space.

THE SLATER SALE.

Bartels' 47th sale will be held May 15-16 at the Collectors' Club, N. Y. City. The catalogs are now out and the copy at hand shows a fine line of U. S. stamps in blocks, pairs, strips, etc., the property of A. B. Slater of Providence, R. I. We note a block of eight 5c 1847 full o. g. We hope to publish a fine range of prices realized.

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CHRONICLE OF NEW ISSUES AND VARIETIES

Edited by HENRY A. KIDDER.

Any information regarding new issues will be gratefully received and acknowledged. Address HENRY A. KIDDER, 17 Addison St., Arlington, Mass. Letters calling for a reply should contain a self-addressed, stamped envelope. We cannot give applicants the addresses of our correspondents. Correspondence regarding precancelled stamps must be sent to FRANK B. ELDREDGE, Attleboro, Mass., when due credit will be given in this department.

UNITED STATES.—Alfred A. Fidler reports having seen the following plate numbers on the New Washington 1c stamps, all having "A" before the numbers:—

With imprint—5727, 5728, 5730, 5731, 5738, 5739, 5781.

Without imprint—5806, 5859, 5862, 5864, 5870, 5881, 5882, 5884, 5885.

Mr. Fidler also reports having seen the 4c, with imprint and star, 5574, 5575, 5576. He has also examined stocks of the 10c Eagle Registry stamp in four different offices, and found only four plate numbers, all with imprint and "A": 5720, 5723, 5726, 5729.

Miss Amy L. Swift writes:—"Some weeks since I reported a report of 1c and 2c stamps precanceled 'Station A—Whitman, Mass.,' in three lines with bar above and below. Inquiry at this office showed that six values of the current issue were thus overprinted at Christmas time, as follows:—1c, 2c, 3c, 4c, 5c, 10c. About $80 worth of stamps were thus precanceled."

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.—Mr. Schachne sends us the new cards with the "Sower" stamp. They are identical with the last issue otherwise. In 1107, on the authority of *Revista de la Sociedad Filatelica Argentine* (which ought to be a reliable authority on these issues) is noted a postal card of 5c rose on cream which without doubt should have been called a letter card and was the one referred to in the context.

Postal Cards.

4c chocolate on buff.
5c blue on buff.
5x5c blue on buff; T. 3.

CHINA.—Our correspondent, A. P. S. 3553, confirms our note of last week in connection with the issue of Republic stamps here. He adds that later a commemorative set will appear with the following values:—1, 2, 3, 5 and 8c. Our correspondent says that the permanent issue of the Republic will show a "picture of an air-ship." This certainly is up-to-date but a confirmation of the report is desired.

DENMARK.—The *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly* describes three of the provisionals recently announced. These are the 16 and 20 ore of the 1874 type, surcharged in two lines with a new value, "35 ore" in deep bronze blue, and the 32 ore of the 1875 official series, similarly surcharged in black. This last stamp has the marginal words, "Tjeneste" and "Frimærke" covered by a chain-like obliteration and the word "Frimærke" is printed over the original value at the foot. There has also been a reissue of the "4 ore" on 8 ore, and "15 ore" on 24 ore of 1904, but reported to be identical in every way with those previously issued.

Provisional Adhesives.

"35 ore" on 16 ore brown and slate.
"35 ore" on 20 ore gray and carmine.
"35 ore" on 32 ore green, official.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC.—*Ewen's Weekly* reports the issue of two more values on paper watermarked Cross and Rings.

Official Adhesives.

On watermarked paper.
10c green and black.
20c orange and black.

GREAT BRITAIN.—The *Postage Stamp* states that it has information to the effect that the 1d post card and 1d wrapper have been printed and supplies delivered, so we may expect to see them at any time now. The stamp on both is identical with that on the new letter-card. The same journal states: The dies for the Georgian Registration envelopes are proving very unsatisfactory. Instead of having a flush surface, they are inclined to be concave, causing blobs of colour to appear in good King George's eye, making him look as if he had just had an encounter with M. Carpentier! New and improved dies are to be delivered to the printers, but it is improbable that there will be any philatelic difference in the impressions therefrom. In this connection it is interesting to note that exactly the same trouble was found in the old large size Victorian series of dies, and these also were re-engraved in April, 1878, the original ones being engraved in January, 1878. Die proofs in black of both are in the editor's collection; the difference appears to consist only in the better embossing of the head in the second die.

Offices in the Levant.—Oswald Marsh's Circular notes the 1pi, perf. 15x14, with the overprint in a new type. The letters measure the same length as before, but are ½ mm. less in height, giving them a much squarer appearance.

LIBERIA.—*The Philatelic Journal of Great Britain* reports that the 20c value of 1909 issue has been found with inverted centre.

MAURITIUS.—The *Schweizer Briefmarken Zeitung* reports having seen "specimen" copies of three values of the new stamps, with portrait of King George. The stamps are of the same design as the previous issue, and are printed on multiple paper.

Adhesives.

5c gray and rose.
25c black and red on yellow.
10 green and red.

MOZAMBIQUE CO.—*Champion's Bulletin* reports that the quantities overprinted of the Beira provisional surcharged series were as follows: 2½r, 5,261; 5r, 4,663; 10r, 43,171; 15r, 21,780; 20r, 31,009; 25r, 71,952; 50r, 102,243; 75r, 53,761; 100r, 49,300; 115r, 79,146; 130r, 79,281; 200r, 47,832; 400r, 50,884; 500r, 51,743; 700r, 51,953.

NICARAGUA.—A. C. Roessler sends us a specimen of a new 4c post card from this country, the stamp being of the Goddess type, like the stamps recently issued. Mr. Roessler also reports having seen a 10c card with stamp of the type of the current 35c type, showing a mountain range but omits to state the color of the printing.

Post Cards.

4c lilac on white.
10c (?).

RUSSIA.—The *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly* reports the current 7k stamp in imperforate condition.

SERVIA.—The *Deutsche Briefmarken Zeitung* reports having seen the 20p stamp of the newspaper series recently issued with "50" instead of "20" in each of the corners. The stamp is the 27th on the sheet.

TASMANIA.—Amy L. Swift has shown us specimens of the 6d Dilston Falls stamp, re-engraved, as noted in No. 1059. Miss Swift's specimens show decided differences in color running from pale

App. 66⅔%. Ref. W. R. SOUTHWORTH, Cooperstown, N. Y. [14

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		Cat.	Mine.
55	St. Vincent 1885, 1sh vermilion ..	$1.00	$0.47
57	5p on 6p deep lake ..	.75	.28
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3a	.08
PORTUGAL—2½c mauve	.04
LUXEMBURG 62½c on 87½c	.16
NYASSALAND—Pictorial issue of 1901 (obsolete) 15r with inverted centre	3.36
BRITISH LEVANT—King George re-engraved type ½d	.02
1d	.04
JAMAICA 3d King George	.08
DUTCH INDIES—Service stamps, overprinted "Dienst" ½c, 1c, 2c, Set of 3	.04
NICARAGUA—New Pictorial set, 1c, 2c, 4c, 5c, 10c Set of 5	.08
SERVIA—1p to 25p Set	.28
30p	.08
50p	.14
1d	.26
3d	.72
5d	1.20
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red to deep brick red. All the peculiarities noted in No. 1059, are apparent in these latter specimens which were received in a letter mailed in Launceston, Tasmania, Feb. 6, 1912.

TONGA.—Mr. Schachne shows us the late cards which are of the divided face variety with a picture of local scenery occupying the entire reverse. The stamp is upright oval with an ornamented outer edge. An oval band has "Toga" above and the value in words below, while at each side is the local value in words. The center has the same face (King) as appears on the letter card noted in No. 1109. Two headlines "Tonga—Post Card" said to have been issued last August and sold at 2sh 6d per packet of 10.

Post Cards.

1d carmine on white.
1d carmine on buff.

BRITISH CONGRESSES.

Apparently the Philatelic Congress of Great Britain is going to be like Tennyson's Brook—at any rate, it will go on for several years yet. It has already been announced that invitations have been extended to the Congress from various centres for every year up to 1915, and now Leeds has put in a claim for 1916. Writing to the Hon. Secretary of the Permanent Committee, Messrs. W. Denison Roebuck and W. K. Skipwith, the Hon. Secretaries of the Leeds Philatelic Society, state:—

"We have pleasure in communicating to you a hearty and unanimous invitation from the Leeds Philatelic Society for the Philatelic Congress to meet in Leeds about the beginning of May, 1916.

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We shall be pleased to learn that you can accept this invitation."

So the Congress is really going to have a good chance of a long and useful record, the list of past Congresses and future engagements being as follows:—

PAST CONGRESSES.

1st Manchester, 1909.
2nd London, 1910.
3rd Birmingham, 1911.

FUTURE CONGRESSES.

4th Margate, 1912.
5th Edinburgh, 1913.
6th London, 1914.
7th Newcastle-on-Tyne, 1915.
8th Leeds, 1916.

Leeds is a most welcome addition to the list, for in few other cities is there so active and keen a philatelic life as there is in the capital of the wool trade. The Leeds Philatelic Society came of age last year, having been founded in 1890, and although its membership is not large (something under 100) it makes up in quality what it lacks in quantity. That the Leeds Congress will be a notable one I have no doubt, but we shall have to wait until 1916 for it. Meanwhile other towns desiring to invite the Congress during the present century had better take the bull by the horns and book up at once!—*Postage Stamp.*

NEWS GLEANINGS.

—In our issue of April 13 Bryant Pollard, Proctorsville, Vt., was made to advertise the 50c U. S. 1909 issue precanceled, second quality, at 20c each. The price should have been 10c. We regret the mistake and trust this correction will procure sufficient patronage to off-set the error referred to.

—B. L. Drew's 245th sale will be held Tuesday evening, April 30. On May 15 he will sell the Edw. F. Weed collection, both at 24 Hayward Pl., Boston. Wm. L. Aldrich, auctioneer.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from George R. Popp.

—M. Ohlman, 19 E. 98, N. Y. City, advises us that he sent Wm. T. Ohle (Sheridan Stamp Co.), 825 Edgecomb Av., Chicago, Ill., an approval selection. It is claimed that the lot was returned but Mr. Ohlman never received the same. Maxwell Kraus, Lebanon, Pa., also sent him a selection which was "not received." Mr. Ohlman would be glad to hear from interested parties.

—"H. F. Chaffee, one of the victims of the recent Titanic tragedy, was part owner of a 40,000 acre farm at Amenia, N. D., also of a large part of the town including the large elevators and seed houses known as "The Amenia and Sharon Land Co." It was on this farm upon which the scene was taken "Farming in the West", represented on our 2 cent Omaha stamp, 1898. It is just ten miles west of the residence of the writer."—S. M. EDWARDS.

—About May 1, the Economist Stamp Co. will remove to 87 Nassau St., Rooms 509-510.

"POST OFFICE" MAURITIUS.

We hear that Madame Desbois is dead. Her name will always be remembered by philatelists, as that of the lady through whose hands passed many of the celebrated "Post Office" stamps, issued in Mauritius in September, 1847.

The following record of the number of these rarities passing through the hands of one individual is interesting and the prices she obtained are—considering those of to-day—more than instructive:—

1866,	2d, unused	..
1869,	2d, used	$20
1870,	1d, unused	$100
	2d, unused	
	1d, used	
	1d, unused	..
	1d, used	$40(?)
	2d, used	
1872,	2d, used	$20
1875,	2d, unused	$60

—*Postage Stamp.*

STAMP CHATTER.

Too many common stamps on hand may provoke a sort of "tired feeling"; a stamp that quits the scene of operations very quickly brings a twinkle to the eye, and its exit is followed by pleasant memories—and a resolution to look out for more of the same kind.

A stamp I handled yesterday—a fairly desirable item—was decidedly the worse for wear, and this must ultimately be the fate of many a stamp that gets sold over and over again. What will some of them be like in the twenty-first century?

Some stamps seem to sell themselves, and anything new and sufficiently interesting may be accepted from one's foreign correspondents with readiness. Some experience and a little discrimination should enable one to detect the sorts that are likely to be quickly appropriated.

No hesitation need be felt in taking several copies of such a stamp as the 6 heller Bosnia, 1910, or the 35c Guadeloupe, 1906.

The 2ch-on-5 krans Persia, 1905, is an attractive stamp, the surcharge thereon being discoverable in either black or lilac. Stamps like these do not seem to have travelled in multitudes.

There is a 100 reis Lorenzo Marques perforated 13½. The other day I discovered a copy with this scarcer perforation; its identity was evident at a glance, without any necessity for using the perforation gauge. Somehow it seemed different in appearance from the very bright copies one usually meets with. I don't know whether this is the experience of other possessors of this stamp.

The two shades of the 12c Sarawak, 1900 and 1905, are readily discoverable, and possibly the earlier stamp is the better possession of the two.

With some collectors doubtless the 50 and 100 ore Denmark, 1904, have got left behind.

There seems to be a good call for the 1910 issue of Argentine just now.

Persia 1910 and 1911 are becoming easier to get.

The 20c Honduras Republic, surcharged with big figures in 1910, does not seem too plentiful.—*Stamp Collectors Fortnightly.*

PHILATELY'S LONG RECORD.

It will probably be a surprise to most people to be reminded that the popular hobby of stamp collecting, in so far as it is connected with philately as a science, has a record of many years behind it, says the *Irish Times* (6.3.12). A correspondent of *The Times* calls attention to the fact that the philatelic science celebrates its jubilee this year. It began to engage serious attention in 1862, when a small, but earnest, *coterie* of Parisian enthusiasts set on foot a movement for the application of scientific methods to the collection and study of postage stamps. The movement quickly spread to Great Britain, where the first periodical devoted to the question—the *Monthly Advertiser*—appeared in December of the same year. Since that date the literature of philately has become the most extensive with which any collecting pursuit has ever been endowed. In the interval the philatelists have not had an easy battle to fight. In the early sixties stamp collecting had already come to be recognised as a harmless form of amusement for the younger generation, but the number of serious adult collectors was extremely small. Pioneers in every pursuit invariably meet with a considerable amount of opposition and ridicule, and of the latter the pioneers of philately came in for a good deal more than their fair share. The *status* of the men who first associated themselves with the study in Great Britain afforded them no protection, but it is greatly to their credit that they persisted in their efforts to live down the ridicule. Some few of them are still alive today to take a part in the formal recognition of their ultimate triumph. In this year of philately's jubilee the science numbers among its followers some of the most prominent men of the age in every civilised land, and the countries where philatelic societies do not exist in large numbers are in a very insignificant minority. It includes among its most devoted adherents crowned heads and earnest statesmen. In these islands it can claim as its unofficial leader no less a person than King George. There are still many persons who regard its followers as enthusiasts, harmless but unnecessary. But these lose sight of the real mission of the philatelist, as distinct from the stamp collector. They ignore the real and important work which he is doing. For the true philatelist aspires to reconstruct in minute detail the entire history of every nation's postal issues.—*Postage Stamp.*

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We propose to insert upon this page matter that will be of interest to the boy collector. Some two thousand boys are now on our mailing list and it is our desire to come closely in contact with them in such a manner as will be most helpful. Any information desired will be cheerfully rendered through these columns. Do not submit stamps for examination.

THE BEGINNERS' GUIDE.

In commencing this series of short general articles for the guidance of the beginner I do not propose to delve into such matters as the origin of stamps and postal systems, the history of stamp collecting, or other such generalia. I will start by presuming my readers *are* stamp-collectors, have an album of sorts, a certain number of stamps, and sufficient enthusiasm to wish to become acquainted with what I may perhaps term the "technicalities" of our hobby. Take a stamp and examine it for a moment and see if you can, metaphorically, split it up into its component parts. Of what does it consist? A little thought will show that it consists of a *design* printed in *color* on *paper*. Then it will usually be found there is some sort of *separation*, for the easy severance of one stamp from another, *gum*, by means of which it may easily be affixed to a postal package, and in quite a large number of cases there is also a *watermark*. The first three—design, color and paper—are the essentials and these parts are of primary importance; watermarks, when present, are also important as they form an actual part of the stamp; but separation and gum are not of primary importance for they are not parts of the stamp as originally printed. They are additions made for the sake of convenience—very useful additions it must be admitted, for had the perforation machine never been invented and had there been no means of attaching mucilage to the backs of stamps it is quite conceivable that their use would have been restricted to such an extent that they would probably long ago have been superseded by some more convenient invention.

Our dissected stamp, therefore, splits up into the following parts:—

(a) Design (d) Watermark
(b) Color (e) Separation
(c) Paper (f) Gum

These are not only the parts of a stamp but they are also the general divisions into which all varieties naturally fall. We have arranged them in what we consider their "philatelically logical" sequence, though as most collectors regard perforation varieties as of more importance than those of paper and watermark, and those of watermark as of a higher degree of importance than those of paper a "philatelically popular" sequence would be a variable table with an average arrangement of (a), (e), (d), (c), (b), (f). The popularity of perforations is easily understood: they are quite easy to distinguish and their measurement is an accomplishment quickly acquired by the beginner, whereas a certain amount of experience is necessary in distinguishing between some watermarks, while the sometimes subtle distinctions between various kinds of paper only appeals to the enthusiast of considerable knowledge.

For the purpose of these chats we will adhere to the "logical" scheme of arrangement so that we first of all have to deal with

POSTAGE STAMP DESIGNS.

Obviously the most necessary virtue in a postage stamp is that of *utility* and it naturally follows that an ideal postage stamp design should be simple, bold, and effective and yet intricate enough to prevent counterfeiting being an easy matter. While the majority of the early stamps of most countries fulfill these conditions only a few of the modern productions would have any pretensions whatsoever to be considered ideal. The current issue of United States stamps can, however, be fairly considered as an "ideal" set for they are simple, ornate, have the value clearly stated, and, being printed by the line-engraved process, would be difficult to counterfeit. They certainly represent a marked improvement on the over-ornamented series of 1902 and compare more than favorably with the current stamps of most other stamp-issuing countries.

The first postage stamp ever issued—the 1d black stamp of Great Britain—bore the portrait of Queen Victoria and the idea of having the portrait of the country's ruler as the main part of the design has been largely followed all over the world to this day. Next in order of popularity we find national coats-of-arms and, while these two subjects are perhaps the most appropriate, as stamp-collectors we may well be thankful that portraits and coats-of-arms do not form the only subjects, or it is to be feared our albums would lose much of their interest. As it is stamp designs cover such a wide range of subjects that treated merely as pictures, their study possesses boundless fascinations. Not only are nearly all the living races of mankind depicted but there are enough animals and birds to form a respectable zoo, enough vessels to form a navy, trees and flowers sufficient to make a wonderful garden, and buildings enough to make an imposing city. In addition historical events are recorded, the wonders of science are commemorated, engineering wonders are illustrated, religious symbols are shown, while of allegorical subjects there is abundant variety.

The interest of the designs as pictures is plain for all to see but pictures are not philately so we must turn to a brief consideration of the part played by designs in providing philatelic varieties. It would seem an obvious truism that minor varieties of design are of more importance than any other class of minor varieties for the design is really the fundamental portion of a stamp. At first, of course, the beginner will find quite enough to do to collect "standard" varieties without wandering into the by-paths of minor ones but, at the same time, he should train his eye to distinguish the small points that make varieties for as he grows into a "philatelist" such knowledge is not only useful but absolutely indispensable. Stamps that can be "plated" furnish varieties in plenty but to this I shall refer at length later on. The differences beginners should first of all learn to distinguish are those between such stamps as the 1894-5 issues of the Transvaal, one of which has shafts and the other a pole to the wagon; the 1896 and 1897 issues of Nicaragua, shown by the date in the right hand border; the 1890 and 1894 issues of the United States, shown by the presence of "triangles" in the upper corners of the latter; the 1897 and 1898 issues of Canada, the former having maple leaves and the latter numerals in the lower corners; etc. These varieties, though obvious to the experienced collector, are often quite obstacles to the beginner.

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Lincoln, Neb ,1c 1912, normal; type II.
New York, N. Y., 1c 1912, normal; type III.
Chicago, Ill., 1c 1911, cancelled with heavy bar, horizontally, about 6 mm. wide.
Greenfield, Mass., 2c 1911, normal; type I.
Fort Wayne, Ind., 1c 1912, normal; type II.
Akron, Ohio, 1c 1912, normal; type V.
Chicago, Ill., 10c 1912, normal; no upper line, type V.
Cincinnati, Ohio, 4c 1911, normal; type VI.
Scranton, Pa., 4c 1911, normal; type II.
Boston, Mass., 1c 1912, inverted, type V.

Lowell J. Ragatz, shows the Scranton, Pa., 1c 1911, with a broken C in Scranton, also a small A, broken top of N and broken E in Penn.

L. L. Davis, reports a 1c 1908-09, mailed from Decorah, Ia., with the precancel spelled Becorah.

BELGIUM.—We have received from the New England Stamp Co., three values of the new set of stamps, so long promised. There are three different designs, the King's portrait appearing only on the higher value. The 1c has a large figure of value in a central square tablet, this being surrounded by a series of crosses in circles, the frame being composed of thick colored and dotted lines, the latter being outside. At the top and to the right of the figure of value is printed "c." "Belgique" appears at the top and "Belgie" at the bottom. The 5c has the Belgian Lion, surmounted by a crown, with one paw resting on the tablet in the lower left corner containing the value, thus, "5c." This also has the name of the country in French above and Flemish below, the former being in colorless letters and the latter in colored letters on a white ground. This design is the most effective of the three. The 10c shows the King in uniform, but without a hat, in what is evidently a characteristic pose, turned about one-quarter to the left. The upper part of the background is colorless, thus bringing the King's head into sharp relief. "Belgique" appears above, and "10 Belgie 10" below, both being in colorless letters. All are surface printed on unwatermarked paper, and are perforated 14. All have Sunday coupons, these being arranged like the 1910 charity stamps, with the coupons divided by a vertical line into two parts, the French at the left and the Flemish at the right, in two lines. The stamps are substantially the same as the 1893 and 1905 sets in size.

Adhesives.

1c deep orange.
5c green.
10c red.

CHINA.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us a specimen of the new surcharge on the Imperial stamps of China, which is composed of four Chinese characters, arranged vertically of course. The surcharge is in red on the 1c, 2c, 3c, 5c, 10c, 16c and 50c; and in black on the ½c, 4c, 7c, 20c, 30c, $1, $2 and $5. The four characters represent "Chung Hua Min Kuo," which means "Chinese Republic."

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Adhesive.

35 ore orange.

GREAT BRITAIN.—*Offices in the Levant.*—The New England Stamp Co. has now shown us the new surcharge of "1 Piastre" on the 2½d King Edward stamp, and we find there is quite a marked difference between the two printings. Not only are the letters of the later printing shorter, but they

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Postage Due Adhesive.

½c ultramarine.

NEW ZEALAND.—The New England Stamp Co. has shown us the 4d stamp, with portrait of King Edward, in the new color, perforated 14x14½.

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4d yellow.

ST. THOMAS & PRINCE.—We have received from Mr. Schachne the 10r, 10x10r and 20x20r cards and the 25r letter card all with the regular "Republica" overprint.

SWEDEN.—Two new values have been added to the list printed in No. 1100, specimens having been shown us by Whitfield King & Co. Both are in the type with portrait of King Gustaf, and on unwatermarked paper.

Adhesives.

8 ore red lilac.
50 ore pale gray.

TASMANIA.—Miss Amy L. Swift calls attention to an error in the note in No. 1113 as well as in No. 1059, regarding the new 6d stamp, with picture of Dilston Falls. We have called it re-engraved, but Miss Swift says that the new printing is lithographed We have not at hand either the specimens submitted by her or the copy on which the original note in No. 1059 was based. Can any of our readers give us anything definite regarding the production of these stamps?

THE GREAT MAN'S PRIMER.

FRANK H. HITCHCOCK.

By WALLACE IRWIN.

Oh, see the face on the postage stamp!

Is it the por-trait of George Wash-ing-ton?

Nay, nay, Doug-las, it is not. It is a portrait of a still greater gen-er-al, the Post-master Gen-er-al of the Un-i-ted States.

Oh, yes! It is Our Frank. Do you think Frank is great-er than George?

Yes, and a-gain yes! George was mere-ly Fath-er of the Re-pub-lic, but Frank has been Unc-le of the Re-pub-lic-ans more than once. George caused many an English re-verse, but Frank has pulled off many a re-verse English.

Tell me more of this strange man.

At the date of his birth the stork de-liv-ered Frank Har-ris Hitch-cock to his hap-py par-ents as first class mail mat-ter. At the age of five Frank joined the arm-y.

The arm-y?

Yes, the arm-y of office-seekers. He has been a gov-ern-ment offi-cial ev-er since. So rap-id was his rise that he was finally pro-mot-ed to the rank of gen-er-al.

What! to the rank of gen-er-al?

Yes. Post-master Gen-er-al.

What are the duties of a Post-master Gen-er-al?

He must know the name of every Re-pub-lic-an dis-trict lead-er in the Unit-ed States. He must have a broad and com-pre-hen-sive knowl-edge of men, wo-men and Sen-a-tors. He must at-tend Cab-i-net meet-ings and tell the Pres-i-dent just how the par-ty stands fi-nan-ci-ally. He must keep a cop-y of Brad-street's in his in-side pock-et so he will know the names and ad-dress-es of pat-ri-ots who are will-ing and a-ble to fork over the maz-um-eh.

What a use-ful young man!

Yes. And yet Frank has his drawbacks. For in-stance, he is ec-cen-tric.

In what way does his ec-cen-tric-ity show

Well, in spite of the fact that he is Post-mas-ter Gen-er-al, he insists on med-dling with the post of-fice.

Is not that the duty of the Post-master?

Gosh, Ru-pert! How lit-tle you un-der-stand pol-i-tics! For a Post-master Gen-er-al to fool with the post-office is re-gard-ed as hor-rid bad taste in gov-ern-men-tal cir-cles.

What has Frank done to the P. O.?

In the first place he has reduced the an-nual def-i-cit from six bil-lion dol-lars a year to thirty-five cents. If this keeps up the P. O. Dept. will be making real money and Frank will be re-gard-ed as a dan-ger-ous Soc-ial-ist.

That would be like touch-ing off a pow-der mag-a-zine.

Pow-der mag-a-zines are not the only kind which Frank likes to touch off. He says the 15c mag-a-zines are not fit to as-so-ci-ate with first-class mail mat-ter and should be forced to trav-el in Jim Crow cars. In case they in-sist on trav-el-ing in the Pull-mans with the high-toned mail, he is for charg-ing them dou-ble fare.

Has he any oth-er scheme for trans-port-ing the per-i-od-i-cals?

He has. He says the ed-i-tors can send them by slow freight.

This would cause a ter-ri-ble de-lay.

Yes. It would make the June num-bers appear in June in-stead of in Ap-ril as they now do.

Hard, hard Frank!

He has some oth-er lit-tle plans under his fair, blonde curls. For in-stance, he wants the gov-ern-ment to run the tel-e-graph lines.

Does Frank hate the gov-ern-ment as much as that?

No-body knows. You nev-er can tell a-bout Frank. He's one of those fellers about whom some say one thing and some an-oth-er. Even Chief Ex-ecu-tives can-not tell just how he stands. But they are sure just the same that Frank is the Ready-Money Kid when it comes to col-lect-ing the Iron Men who win po-liti-cal bat-tles.

Is Frank for Taft?

Wish I knew.

Is he for Ted-dy?

My answer is the same as above.

Teach-er, I think I have learned the les-son of this great man.

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THE CHILD OF THE BOURSE.

(We have received from C. M. Breder a clipping from the **N. Y. Press** of April 14. It is entitled, "The Child Mannequin and the Child Philatelists of Paris." The author of the article, Sterling Heilig, gives us a study of child life, portraying Line and Juliette two distinct and opposite types of childhood. In Line the author pictures a very poor girl, refined in taste and a lover of dress, who becomes a dressmaker's model and beautiful to look upon. The author concludes: "Hers will be the joy of beauty though she may never be rich." What Mr. Heilig says about Juliette we reprint and have chosen to retitle the article in keeping with the excerpt that we make from it. It is a pretty pen picture of a famous philatelic resort.—Ed.)

These are the tales of two little Paris girls who got there. They stand for two wide extremes of wide activity, both necessary to a state that would not fall, like Carthage. Just as I begged you not to despise Line, so don't give all your votes to Juliette. They spoil her enough on the Postage Stamp Bourse.

It is one of the unique sights. In the midst of the Elysian Fields of residential Paris, hidden among flowering shrubs behind rich children's Punch and Judy shows, meet on a footing of equality millionaire bankers, retired grocers, international diplomats, Paris rapscallions, children of best families, hungry old women, countesses in velvets, buxom wives of clerks and sinister thugs pretending to be interested.

Interested? I should say so. There are men who carry $10,000 worth of postage stamps on them. Ever since Bosson was decoyed to a room, assassinated and buried in a trunk for his collection, the Sureté has kept two detectives of the Flying Brigade on the spot.

Walk up the beautiful avenue of the Champs Elysees. Beyond the back yard of the President of the republic Thursday and Sunday afternoons 500 and more members of this open Bourse beneath the trees stand chatting. Small albums of rare stamps are passed from hand to hand—though often chained to the owner's wrist or waist. Large portfolios of cheaper average stand spread open on park benches. A smartly dressed old swell fetches a pass book from his inside pocket, opens it at the right page, and flirts it under a rival's nose. Sapristi! Three stamps of the Roumania-Moldavia 1858 series, of which a pair of 27-para, black on rose with large margins, recently sold at the Hotel Drouet for $580—and a single 5-para, black on pale azure, brought $360! Great, isn't it?

Bah! A shabby, military, thin man, with big white mustache, pulls the braggart aside and shows him privately the stamp of stamps, the rarest of the Post Office of the Island of Maritius, 1847, of which only twenty-four examples exist and whose blue two-pence was recently bought by the King of England for $7,200! Cautious ladies clutch their bags spasmodically, taking refuge behind Ma ma Claire, whose specialty is envelopes of 100, no two alike, at 5 cents the lot, for tiny tots to play with.

In this mixed exchange, where extremes meet, a fat boy of 15 may be a Napoleon of finance. One such has formed a corner in Chinese. When the republic seemed to have a chance he bought all and any Chinese stamps—old, new, rare, common, and particularly common. Through other boys as "brokers" he simply plunged on cheap and modern Chinese, junk by the hatful, borrowed money and bought more—bought by the kilo! All have gone up kiting. Now it is a furore. Everybody wants to buy, and none are selling. Of course. All the old imperial stamps will soon be rare. What is the fat boy doing? I suspect he is unloading gently.

Into this arena of 5 cents to $5,000 came little Juliette. With Margot and Leah, three small sisters from 9 to 13 are its pets and wonders. Four years ago Juliette began collecting, as a child does, cheap stuff in cheap little albums. But note how she soared. Her brother and father worked in a commission house of the Rue Hautefeuille. One day they brought her home a bunch of less known currents—Dutch Colonies, South Africa, Japan. In three days the child knew all about them. Of course, she was ignorant of colonial surcharges, by which the (British) officials of Bangkok, Johore, Gwalior, Sungei-Ujenz, Jhind and others make a practical fraud on collectors. But she did perceive an excellent source of stamps in a commission house with correspondents in many lands.

In a week she had won the friendship of the sub-director and put the establishment under contribution. Clerks who collected for themselves, kept back the best; but they had to give up a lot, and others gave her all. In a year the second sister, Margot, caught the fever. Now there were two little girl collectors in the Rue Hautefeuille—and a dozen houses laying aside stamps for them. Already they had a great modern collection, with hundreds of duplicates, all of Bourse value—before they knew that a Bourse existed!

One day Juliette lacked a stamp to complete a set of current Japan. "Why not try the Bourse?" her father laughed.

"What Bourse?"

And so, because it was a springtime Sunday and the Champs Elysees an elegant promenade, he walked his little girl up to the crowd hidden behind the Punch-and-Judys, and told her all about them. "Folks like you," he told her, "interested in collecting. They trade stamps among each other, buy, sell, get rid of their superfluities and pick up what they lack. Many make a business of it and gain lots of money."

It was a revelation to the child. That afternon she mastered Bourse conditions, made three acquaintances, and won the humorous esteem of a wealthy Paris lithographer with the stamp-collecting bug, and made her plans for Thursday.

That was three years ago. Soon Juliette took Margot and Leah with her. Rich in a big stock and a continuous supply from the commission houses, they launched on a trade of cheaper grades—5, 10, 15, 20 cents. But it seemed good to them. Not long. The Bourse taught them of old issues, postage stamps of rarity, worth a little fortune if you find them on old letters. They learned the meretricious value of specialized Colonials—and got it. They learned dates, tints, blocks, wood prints, vignettes, and the difference—at times immense—between perforated and a smooth edge.

Juliette soaked it all up like a sponge. The rich old lithographer taught her the difference between the dear black and cheap blue 10-reis Brazil and yellow and blue Mercury of Austria—and not to snap up for $30 a wash basketful of child's albums because one happens to be open on a Ceylon 1854, 4-pence rose, or 8-pence brown, and quoted in the market at $200. Those junk albums are salted with beautiful imitations from Germany. Few would wish to fool her. Giulio, insinuating, almon-eyed young Leventine, who unloads, now and then, a French Colonies 1877, worth 40 cents, transformed by a slight addition of his own into a Tahiti worth $20, would scorn to try it on Juliette.

Of course, a little girl cannot know everything. There are 250,000 different stamps known to the market. But she has it in her, the merchant spirit. For instance, eighteenth century color printing has nothing to do with postage stamps; yet at a junk shop in Aurillac, on an automobile jaunt with her old friend, the lithographer, it was Juliette who discovered the four so-called Marie Antoinette fashion plates of the Galerie des Modes, which recently sold at the Hotel Druot for $1,085.

There are farmers who arrive at the fair with an aged plug, and quit in the evening with a fine colt and $50. There are men who arrive in cities penniless and have a big business in six years. Juliette is like that.

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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

EDITORIAL.

New Coils—There is something new in coiled stamps, according to the following announcement by the postal officers: "Postmasters are notified that the department is prepared to supply the following coils of 500 and 1000 postage stamps: One cent, perforated and unperforated, coiled endwise and sidewise. Two-cent, perforated and unperforated, coiled endwise and sidewise. Three-cent, perforated coiled sidewise. Four-cent, perforated, coiled sidewise. The prices of coiled stamps, in addition to their postage value, are: Stamps perforated or unperforated, coiled endwise or sidewise, per coil, 500 stamps, three cents; 1000 stamps, six cents." The imperforate one-cent and two-cent of the new issue were on sale almost simultaneously with the perforated stamps.

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He Loves Them—Many examples of philatelic ardor have been cited in the press to show how completely philately held its subjects in gentle thrall but as the exemplar of philatelic enthusiasm, we give the palm to a grand old philatelist of Tasmania. This philatelic personage is Captain Smith whose name "is a household word in the Hobart district" where he "is one of the well-known identities." The *Australian Journal of Philately* dwells upon the fine fidelity of Captain Smith to philately and it is proved that he and his stamps almost are inseparable. He has certain prized specimens to which he is so much attached that he carries them in a pocket-book so that he may show his pets to anyone who may be interested; and he, himself, never tires of lingering over their beauties. It would take months to see all his stamps, Captain Smith avers. We should think that no matter how sturdy a veteran of 92 years might be, he would be jealous of any disturbance of his night's rest but at a time when other collectors are dreaming about their stamps, Captain Smith is poring over his. He says that frequently he has "got out of bed at 12 o'clock at night to have a look at his collection." All reverence to this grand old man of philately.

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Georgian Era—A London dealer calls attention to the advisability of collecting the stamps with portrait of King George; and in the list of such issues in addition to the stamps that have been issued since the king's accession, there are the half-penny Canada, Quebec tercentenary; Newfoundland, 1899, five-cent and Guy set 15-cent, lithographed and engraved, respectively, and the New Hebrides, bi-national set, which, though without the portrait of the king, bears his monogram, "G. R.," which to the loyal Briton almost suggests the royal presence on the stamps in question. Among the countries scheduled by *Ewen's Weekly Stamp News* for early Georgian issues are: Solomon Islands, Gilbert and Ellice Islands, India, Seychelles, Mauritius, Jamaica, New Zealand, Union of South Africa, Cayman Islands, Gambia, Southern Nigeria, Great Britain proper and its stamps overprinted for Bechuanaland, Levant and Morocco. For some of the countries but one or a few stamps are anticipated at present while for others sets are booked. There is an inducement to collect the stamps of a new era in the thought that one is personally assisting in the creation of a new philatelic line that may grow to great importance.

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That Horseman—A reader who noticed the item some weeks ago, in which it was said that the picture on the two-cent, 1869, was not that of a "pony express rider" as mentioned by a contemporary but represented the regular postal rider of the times wishes to know if the "official" post-rider is copied on the stamp. It was not said that the horseman on the two-cent stamp of the 1869 issue was intended as the "official" rider as, we suppose, the "official" post-rider is to be considered that which is shown on the seal of the postoffice department. On May 1st, 1837, it was ordered "That the seal of the postoffice department shall hereafter be a post horse in speed, with mail bags and rider, encircled with the words, Post Office Department, United States of America." Previously to 1837, there seems to have been no seal employed for commissions etc., as only a wafer with no impression upon it was affixed to the papers of the department. However, an investigator has said that before 1825, there may have been something more elaborate employed as a mark of certification by the department. In the seal adopted in 1837, the English heraldic custom of facing all charges or horses to the dexter or right is violated, as the horse is galloping to the left, as on the two-cent stamp of 1869. However, the cut of the seal in the *United States Official Postal Guide,* a periodical approved but not published by the department, the charge faces the right.

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A Find—There must be something very funny about the following item, as it appeared in B. L. T.'s column in the Chicago *Tribune;* yet we judge that Mr. Taylor who has been styled the most brilliant of newspaper paragraphers could not sound the depths of the significance of the contribution, as he runs it under the equivocal head: You Interest Us Strangely. "Vancouver, April 17.—You know how you and I and everybody else have been picking up those perforated strips that come on the sheets of stamps, and that look as if they might be stamps, you know how I mean, people drop them in the post-office, well to-day I picked up some and they were not strips at all, they were stamps. Mike." Evidently, Mike is a philatelist without knowing it and collects plate-numbers to some purpose.

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Successful—Mr. W. O. Staab has sent us particulars of the recent stamp exhibition by the Milwaukee Philatelic Society at the Milwaukee Public Museum. The exhibition fulfilled the most sanguine expectations of the promoters and the attendance, particularly on Saturday and Sunday was gratifying; the publicity extended by the Milwaukee newspapers had its effect in attracting the outsiders. Over three hundred sheets were on view: Mr. Hirthe's triangular Capes on three sheets were a magnet for the eyes of the strangers; and probably, Dr. Teschan's specialized Swiss and Dr. Kraft's rarities of the German states were the most valuable sheets. Dr. Lincke's United States in blocks were an impressive exhibit. The members of the Milwaukee society alternated as attendants and lecturers; and the fruits of their enterprise already are seen in a revival of local philatelic interest, to say nothing of the missionary possibilities.

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A. P. S.—There is nothing at present to indicate any impending political excitement in the American Philatelic Society and no contests have been announced for any of the offices. A few of the members deplore a lack of controversy over office but this condition sometimes arises through the strength and fitness of the regular or present officers. A report has reached us that the present secretary will not serve another year; and if such is the case a vacancy will exist that must be filled with a man whose efficiency will match the high standard set by the present incumbent.

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A St. Louis 5c (20) very fine, greenish, splendid margins, a magnificent copy ($150.00) brought $98.00.

A block of twelve 5c 1847, four by three, brought $103.00. The stamps were unused but had no gum and had been damaged and mended. It was purchased from the Holland Sale. A block of ten of the 1c 1861 (31) O. G. but creased and two stamps damaged ($25) brought $22.50.

In the 1861 set of August types was a 30c (61) O. G. and very fine. It brought $250. A 3c (64) double paper, not catalogued and claimed by the owner to be one of two known copies brought $25. This last named stamp was used.

The 12c 1870 140) fine and unpriced in the catalog brought $43.

Two of the 1901 inverts will furnish interesting prices. The 1c O. G. ($25) brought $27.50, while the 2c in the same condition brought the splendid price of $252.

Some of the revenues are worth referring to. An imperforate, used $2 Probate of Will (2882) brought $38. A $3.50 Inland Exchange (2886) very fine, ($50) brought $32. A $20 Probate of Will also used and imperforate brought $35. A vertical pair of the $200 U. S. I. R. used and imperforate ($70) brought $56.

In perforated revenues the $200 second issue with a small tear neatly mended ($110) brought $86.25. A $500 of this same issue, a very fine copy, ($300) realized $227.50. Two proprietaries, $1 on violet paper ($100) brought $69, while the $5 same paper brought $185.

Among other prices realized we note the following:—

	Cat.	Price
U. S. 1845, New York 5c (17b) fine horiz. pair, one with shifted die	$20.00	$21.25
1845, St. Louis 5c (23) gray lilac	250.00	195.00
1847, 5c (28) watermarked		15.50
1847, 5c (28) hor. strip four	6.00	17.00
1847, 10c (29) blue canc. vert. pair	10.00	13.50
1851, 5c (34) hor. strip three	30.00	33.00
*1857, 5c block of four, two each 48 and 49	16.00	19.25
*1867, 3c (83) horiz. pair	40.00	39.00
*1873, 6c reissue (170)	50.00	41.00
*1873, 90c " (177) one straight edge	50.00	32.00
*1880, 6c (195), special printing	100.00	65.00
*1888, 30c (217a), horiz. pair, imperf.		26.50
*1893, 4c (233a) error		41.50
*1895, $5.00 (278) strip of three and plate No.	36.00	22.00
*1898, 8c Omaha (289a) Imperf. vert. pair		53.00
*State $5.00, very good copy	165.00	90.00
* " $10	75.00	51.00
* " $20	50.00	35.50
Probate of Will $20 perf.	35.00	27.75
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(*Contributed by Wells R. Bliss.*)

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COMMUNICATION.

(We do not hold ourselves responsible for the views expressed by our readers. Our columns are always open for communications of general interest.—Ed.)

KANSAS CITY, MO., April 25, 1912.

TO THE EDITOR:—

I notice in the issue of April 20th of the NEWS "Old Timer" berates the P. O. Department for failing to properly perforate our stamps.

It seems to me the department has done all in its power to produce well centered stamps. The officials have endeavored to manufacture paper which would shrink uniformly and has changed the spacing of the stamps on the plate all to no avail. The rag paper issue, the change in watermark, the starred and the A plates are all evidence of experiments by the Department which it was thought would obviate the difficulty but which did not.

I believe that as long as we continue to have engraved stamps, protests to the department about poor centering will result in nothing.

C. E. BRESEE.

TO THE EDITOR:—

In your issue of April 29th, I read with interest Mr. Prieth's notes on Bermuda, for this country certainly is making philatelic history at the present moment, and some of its new issues are bound to become scarce. However, I notice this statement, that Mr. Prieth is under the impression that the 3d Bermuda, current, is the only British Colonial stamp appearing at present, with the single CA watermark. Does Mr. Prieth mean exactly what his words convey? Quite a few British Colonials with the single CA watermark are still in issue. At any rate, I append herewith a list of twenty-one stamps, all of which, I believe, are current, and all of which are on single crown and CA paper. I may have missed one or two for the list is somewhat hurriedly made up:—

Bahamas, 1sh, 5sh, £1; British Honduras, 20c; Cayman Islands, 10sh; Fiji Islands, 2d, 3d, 4d, 5d, £1; Grenada, 10sh, ship type; Malta, 3d; Nyassaland, 1sh; Orange River, 2d, 2½d, 3d, 6d, 5sh; St. Kitts-Nevis, 2sh, 2sh 6d, 5sh.

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U. S. POSTAGE.

Lot No.		Cat.
1.	1851-56, 1c, die II, on cover	—
2.	1851-56, 3c, unused, no gum, very fine.	$1.50
3.	1851-56, 3c, imperf., two on covers, both plainly dated "1857", one in blue ink	—
4.	1857-60, 1c, type III, vertical pair, unused, one has corner missing	1.00
5.	1857-60, 1c, unused, 3c, No. 43 used, No. 44 unused	.87
6.	1857-60, 1c, type III, on cover, very good	—
7.	1857-60, 3c, type I, on cover	—
8.	1857-60, 3c, outer line, on cover, one straight edge	—
9.	1857-60, 3c, 3 covers, with letters in	—
10.	1857-60, 12c black, used, slight def.	1.50
11.	1861, 3c, on cover, with interesting letter, written in New York, the day before election, 1864	—
12.	1861, 3c, 4 on covers, with letters in.	—
13.	1861, 10c, No. 68, on cover	—
14.	1869, 1c, 2c, 3c, used	.99
15.	1870-71, 2c, No. 146, unused, no gum, trimmed slightly at left	1.50
16.	1870-71, 2c, unused, no gum	1.50
17.	1870-71, 10c, No. 150, unused, off cent., bright	8.00
18.	1870-71, 6c and 12c, perfs. p'tly cut off	.65
19.	1870 to 1888, 9 varieties, used	.56
20.	1873, 15c, No. 163, off center, straight edge at top	1.00
21.	1879, 3c; 1882, 1c, 3c, all unused	.65
22.	1879, 6c pink, No.186, stained, unused	2.00
23.	1882, 6c rose, No.208, unused, no gum	2.50
24.	1890-93, 30c, unused pair, very fine	1.50
25.	Columbian, 1c to 10c, 8 var., unused.	.92
26.	Omaha, 1c to 10c, 6 var., unused	1.10
27.	Pan American, 1c to 10c, 6 var., unused	.82
28.	1902, 1c imperf., fine block 4, unused.	—
29.	1908-09, 1c, imperf., vertical pair on cover, with line between	—
30.	1908-09, 1c imperf., precancelled St. Louis, on cover	—
31.	1908-09, 2c Shermack perf., 5 copies on covers	—
32.	1908-09, 3c imperf., used block of 8 stamps	—
33.	1908-09, 3c imperf., block of 4; 2c Hudson-Fulton, imperf., block of 4, all used, one damaged	—
34.	1908-09, 1c imperf. and pair of 4c imperf., on 1c Oriental Buff env.	—
35.	1908-09, 13c, No. 331, on cover, fine	—
36.	100 1c precancels, well assorted	—
37.	Interior, 2c, unused block of 4	.40
38.	Interior, 15c, hard paper, unused	.75
39.	Treasury, 7c, unused, fine	2.50
40.	Reg. Seal, green, No. 751, used, fine	.25
41.	Same, 4 ordinary copies, slight defects	1.00
42.	Spec. Delivery, 6 var. complete, all unused, except No. 894,	1.16
43.	Newspaper, 1c and 2c Indian	.55
44.	Newspaper, full set as sold by the Gov't at $5, no straight edges, never hinged	—
45.	Postage Due, 1891-93, 1c to 30c, complete, used	.67
46.	Post card mailed at Aviation station, carried by Aeroplane to Compton, Cal.	—
47.	One pound common U. S., good to look over	—
48.	Confederate, No. 200, used, on cover.	—
49.	Confederate, No. 203, used, on cover.	—
50.	Confederate, No. 207, damaged; Nos. 210, 212, unused	.55

TELEGRAPH FRANKS.

51.	Am. Rapid, complete, punched	1.48
52.	B. & O., 1885, 1c, 5c, 25c, used	.75
53.	B. & O., Kendall and Hoen prints, 7 var., used	.70
54.	B. & O., Kendall print, 4 var., used	.55
55.	B. & O., Nos.1945, 1950, 1975, unused	.60
56.	B. & O., 1887, complete, used	.60
57.	Western Union, 1885, 1887 to 1893, all unused	1.55

U. S. REVENUES.

58.	1c Telegraph, 2c blue Express, 2c orange Ex., 2c Proprietary, 4c Ex., 4c Proprietary, 5c Ex., all fine	.75
59.	2c Bank Check, 5c Certificate, 25c Entry of Goods, 25c Ins., 50c Original Process, all imperf.	1.25
60.	2c Certificate, orange, fine	.40
61.	3c Telegraph, imperf., superb used copy, wide margins	2.00
62.	2c Certificate, blue and orange, both fine	1.00
63.	2c Playing Cards, blue and orange, 2 var.	.75
64.	3c For. Ex., Proprietary, Telegraph, all very fine	.55
65.	5c Playing Cards	.75
66.	10c For. Ex., ultra., 15c For. Ex., both off cent.	1.10
67.	20c Foreign Exchange	1.00
68.	25c Life Ins., vertical pair, imperf.	2.50
69.	25c Bond, Entry of Goods, Life Ins., Protest, Warehouse Receipt, latter fine, all good	1.29
70.	25c Ins., 50c Surety Bond, part perf., good margins	1.00
71.	30c Foreign Exchange, nice copy	1.50
72.	40c In. Ex., part perf.; $1.90 For.Ex., perf., both damaged	1.35
73.	50c Conveyance, Mortgage, Surety Bond, part perf.	2.00
74.	50c Entry of Goods, part perf. good margins	2.00
75.	50c For. Ex. and Passage Ticket, fine	.70
76.	50c Mortgage, part perf. good margins	1.00
77.	50c Probate of Will, imperf.	2.50
78.	50c Probate of Will, and Surety Bond	.85
79.	60c In. Ex., 70c For. Ex., $1.30 For. Ex., $1.50 In. Ex., very nice lot	1.17
80.	$1 Entry of Goods and Manifest, impf.	2.25
81.	$1 Mortgage, imperf.	1.50
82.	$1 Mortgage, perforated, superb	3.00
83.	$1 Probate of Will, imperf.	1.75
84.	$1 Conveyance, Entry of Goods, For. Ex., In. Ex., Lease, Life Ins., Manifest, Power of Atty., 7 var., beautiful lot	1.28
85.	$1 Passage Ticket, slightly off cent., oxidized	6.00
86.	$1.90 Foreign Express, beautiful copy	1.00
87.	$2 Conveyance, imperf. close margins	2.50
88.	$2 Conveyance, Mortgage, Probate of Will, fine	1.25
89.	$2.50 In. Ex., $3 Charter Party, $3 Man., $5 Charter Party, $5 Conv.	.95
90.	$3.50 Inland Express, fine copy	1.50
91.	$5 Mortgage	.90
92.	$5 Probate of Will	.85
93.	$10 Mortgage, off centre	1.00
94.	$20 Conveyance, old paper, fine copy.	—
95.	I Issue, 25 varieties, all good copies.	.97
96.	II Issue, 1c, 2c, 3c, fine	1.12
97.	II Issue, 4c, 5c, 10c, 20c	.94
98.	II Issue, 25c, 30c, 40c	1.38
99.	II Issue, 50c, 70c, $1	.87
100.	II Issue, $2 and $2.50, very fine	.95
101.	II Issue, $3, very good	1.25
102.	III Issue, 4c, fine	1.00
103.	III Issue, 2c, 5c, 15c	.61
104.	III Issue, 40c and $1	.81
105.	III Issue, $2 and $2.50, fine	.90
106.	III Issue, $3	1.50
107.	1875, 2c, No. 2967, perf., same rouletted; Proprietary, 1875-81, 1c, 2c, 1898, 3 var., surcharged on postage stamps, unused	.59
108.	1871-75, 1c, 2c, 3c, 4c; 1894, 3 var. Playing Cards	1.26
109.	1898, Proprietary, 13 var., including two shades of 1¼c, mostly unused.	.98
110.	1898, Documentary, ½c, both shades, to 80c, 12 var., used and unused	—
111.	1898, Documentary, $1, $2, uncut; $3, $5, $10, cut	.75
112.	1898, Documentary, $1, $3, $5, $10, last cut	.62
113.	1898, Documentary, $50, used	1.50
114.	1900, Documentary, $3 lake	2.00
115.	1902, Documentary, $1, $2, $5, cut	.56
116.	1862-99, 11 var. Match and Medicine, good lot	.93

U. S. ENVELOPES.

117.	1857, 10c on buff, cut round and neatly mounted	20.00
118.	1861, 10c green on buff, cut sq., unused	1.00
119.	1861, 2c Wrapper on light manilla, cut sq., unused	.40
120.	1863-64, 2c black on orange, No. 1349, entire, unused	—
121.	1864, 3c on buff, entire, used	—
122.	1874, 5c on white, No. 1420, 3 copies, entire, unused	—
123.	1874, 5c, No. 1420; 1875, 5c, No. 1448, both entire, unused	—
124.	1897, 2c on white, albino, but showing color on inside on both stamp and return card	—
125.	1907, 2c on white, with stamp folded on inside, unused	—
126.	1907, 1c wrapper, No. 1738, albino, entire, unused	—

U. S. COLONIES.

127.	Canal Zone, pair 1c, No. 41, on cov.	—
128.	Canal Zone, 2c, No. 37, and 10c, No. 45, on cover	—
129.	Cuba, 1855 to 1866, 10 var., used and unused	1.26
130.	Cuba, 1868 to 1873, 10 var. used and unused	1.24
131.	Cuba, 1874 to 1880, 22 var. used and unused	1.45
132.	Cuba, 1881 to 1898, 30 var., used and unused	2.13
133.	Cuba, Nos. 227, 228, 230, 302, 303, 353, used; Nos. 231, 351, unused	1.07
134.	Cuba, surcharged on U. S., 1c, 2½c, 3c, 5c, 10c, unused, 2c and 2½c, used, and the rare error, 5c "CUPA," unused	1.45
135.	Cuba, Newspaper stamps, 24 var., unused	1.06
136.	Hawaii, 1869, 2c, No. 29, unused	4.00
137.	Hawaii, 1875, 12c black, unused, fine	1.50
138.	Hawaii, 1882, 15c red brown, unused, not well cent.	2.50
139.	Hawaii, 1883-86, 12c red lilac, unused, fine	2.25
140.	Hawaii, 1883-86, 50c red, unused, fine	8.00
141.	Hawaii, 1883-86, $1 unused, not well cent., otherwise fine, bright copy	13.50
142.	Hawaii, 4c env., No.203, ent., unused	1.00
143.	Philippines, 1872, 12c rose, pen m'k'd	.70
144.	Philippines, 1880-86, Nos. 76, 79, 81, 86, 87, 88, 138, all unused	.70
145.	Philippines, 1890-97, 16 var., unused	1.23
146.	Philippines, Nos. 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 226, 450, unused; No.221, used	1.12
147.	Philippines, No. 89, used; Nos. 302, 305, 307, 310, unused	1.15
148.	Philippines, 1899, 2c, No. 214, and pair of 5c, No. 216, on cover	—
149.	Philippines, pr. of 5c, No.216, on cov.	—
150.	Philippines, Newspaper stamps, 14 var., including No. 410	.60
151.	Porto Rico, 1873, 50c, No. 2, used	.50
152.	Porto Rico, 1877 to 1884, 7 var., mostly used	.90
153.	Porto Rico, 1890, 10c, No.86, pen mkd	.50
154.	Porto Rico, 1890 to 1893, 16 var., used and unused	1.09
155.	Porto Rico, 1894 to 1896, 18 var., used and unused	1.49
156.	Porto Rico, 1896, 40c salmon, two copies, punched	1.20
157.	Porto Rico, 1898, 18 var., including provisionals, used and unused	1.04
158.	Porto Rico, 1898, 1c, 2c, 3c, 5c, unused; 2c used; 1c, 3c, 5c, 6c, 10c, 20c, punched	.99
159.	Porto Rico, Nos. 210, 211, 212, 214, unused; Nos. 215, 216, used	.59
160.	Porto Rico, 10c, No. 214, used on letter from N. Y. to Boston, unique	—
161.	Porto Rico, 5c U. S. on cover, mailed under Military Occupation.	—

FOREIGN POSTAGE.

162.	Angola, No. 7, used; India, No. 41, unused; Nabha, No. 27, unused; So. Nigeria, No. 26	.91
163.	Antigua, 1903, ½d, 2d, 3d, 6d, 1sh; 1907, 1d, 2½d, 1sh, all unused, fine lot, face, 68c	1.88
164.	Bahamas, 5d, No. 41, unused; Barbados, Nelson, 2d, used, 6d, unused, fine	.67
165.	Bahamas, Nos. 44, 45, 46; Barbados, Kingston Relief Fund, 1d; Bermuda, Nos. 28, 33; Bulgaria, 1907, 5s, 10s, 25c, all unused, except last	.72
166.	Belgium, Nos.63 (1), 64 (2), on cov., all with Sunday Coupons at both top and bottom	—
167.	Brazil, 1909, 200r blue, two copies on cover, rare thus	—
168.	Canada, Nos. 17 and 31, used	1.00
169.	Canada, 1897, ½c Jubilee, unused, no gum, fine	.30
170.	Canada, 1897, ½c Jubilee, used, fine.	.30
171.	Canada, 2c King Edward, imperf. on cover, fine	—
172.	Canada, 1c Post Cards, Queen, 10 shades, used	—
173.	Canada, Costa Rica, Japan, Mexico, Portugal, Wurtemburg, 16 good stamps on covers	—
174.	Cape Good Hope, Egypt, Sudan, 10 fine stamps on covers	—
175.	Ceylon, 2c green on green, District Letter Env., unused, not often seen	—
176.	Chile, 50c, No. 26, unused	.50
177.	Chile, 50c, No. 26, unused block of 4	2.00
178.	Chile, 1910, 5c Centenary, 10c Juan Fernandez, on cover	—
179.	Chile, Nos. 46, 47 (2), 48 (4), 52, on covers	—
180.	Chile, 15 stamps on covers, including No. 52 and 7 of No. 56	—
181.	China, 1898, pair of 5c No. 67 and 10c, on cover	—
182.	China, Shanghai, Nos.121-122, unused	.58
183.	Cook Islands, 2d Chocolate, beautiful pair on cover	—
184.	Cook Islands, Nos. 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, all unused, fine lot	1.01
185.	Congo, No. 30, used; E. Africa and Uganda, 1907-08, Nos. 31, 32, 35, 36, unused; Gold Coast, No. 51, unused	.60
186.	Danish W. I., 7c No. 9, unused, very fine	.60
187.	Danish W. I., 1901, diagonal half of 4c used as 2c, on envelope	—
188.	Ecuador, 1895, 1 sucre, No. 53, unused, original	2.00
189.	Falkland Islands, King, ½d, 1d, 2d, 2½d, 6d, 1sh, unused	.77
190.	Fiji, 1sh yellow brown, unused, two perfs. missing at lower left	1.00
191.	Finland, 14k env., entire, unused	—
192.	Fr. Colonies, Nos. 7 and 42, latter has good margins	.80
193.	Fr. Colonies, 35c, No. 36, used, fine, wide margins	.75
194.	Fr. Col., 1879, Nos. 39 & 40, unused,	1.10
195.	Fr. Col., 1879, No. 41, used, good	1.00
196.	Fr. Oceanica, 1900, 25c blue, on cover, fine	—
197.	Fr. Oceanica, 1900, 25c blue, beautiful pair on cover	—
198.	Fr. Port Said, 1902, 10c and 40c, on cover	—
199.	Germany, Thurn & Taxis, No. Dist., ¼sgr, No. 1, beautiful used copy	.35
200.	Germany, Thurn & Taxis, No. Dist. ½sgr, No. 3; 2sgr, No. 6; 3sgr, No. 7; ¼sgr, No. 8, latter nicked, all used	.77
201.	Germany, Thurn & Taxis, No. Dist., ½sgr, No. 9; 3sgr, No. 12; 3sgr, No. 20, used	.95
202.	Germany, Thurn & Taxis, No. Dist., 1sgr, No. 10; 3sgr, No. 12; 2sgr, No. 31, used	.75
203.	Germany, Thurn & Taxis, No. Dist., 5sgr, No. 13, used	.60
204.	Germany, Thurn & Taxis, So. Dist., 3kr, No. 43; 6kr, No. 45; 9kr, No. 46, used	.35
205.	Germany, Alsace & Lor., 1c unused, 5c used	.55
206.	Germany, Alsace & Lor., 10c and 20c used	.45
207.	Germany, Alsace & Lor., 25c used	.60
208.	Gold Coast, 1d, No. 27, 12 copies on cover, most good	—
209.	Gt. Britain, 1867-69, 10d, No. 53, wmk. spray, used	1.50
210.	Gt. Britain, 5sh, No. 56, heavy canc., small tear, plate No. 1	2.00
211.	Gt. Britain, 5sh, No. 56, heavy canc., plate No. 2	2.00
212.	Gt. Britain, 1d I. R. off., No. 303, 50 used copies	1.00
213.	Gt. Britain, ½d Army off., No. 376, 50 used copies	2.00
214.	Gt. Britain, ½d Army off., No. 381, 50 used copies	1.50
215.	Gt. Britain, compound envelope, 1d and 2½d Queen, used	—
216.	Gt. Britain, comp. env., 3d and 4d Queen, used	—
217.	Gt. Britain, comp. env., 3d and 6d King, cut sq. and used on cover	—
218.	Gt. Britain, entire envelopes, 1d and 2½d Queen, unused	—
219.	Gt. Britain, comp. wrapper, ½d and 1d King, mailed at Liverpool, Sept. 20, 1911	—
220.	Gt. Britain, comp. wrapper, ½d and 1d King, used, fine	—
221.	Greece, Nos. 173, 174, 175, 191, 192, 194, used	—
222.	Grenada, 1d on 6d, No. 105, on cover, fine	—
223.	Hayti, 1898, 10c, 4 copies on cover.	—
224.	Hayti, 1899, two pairs 5c pale blue on cover	—
225.	Hayti, 10c, No. 59, and 5c No. 66, 2, on covers	—
226.	Italian Levant, 1900, 1pi, No. 684, on cover, fine	—
227.	Jamaica, 1890, 2½d on 4d, No. 27, used, very good	—
228.	Meck.-Strelitz, 2sgr, No. 5, and 3sgr, No. 6, unused	.80
229.	Montenegro, 1897, 2n post c., unused	—
230.	Newfoundland, No.1, no gum, corner gone	2.00
231.	N. F., 1911, Royal Family, 11 var. comp., unused, very fine, face 75c.	—
232.	N. So. Wales, 1860, 1d and 2d, used	1.00
233.	N. S. W., No. 35, Portugal, No. 19, Queensland, No. 14, all used and damaged	2.75
234.	N. S. W., Nos. 40 and 42, used, perfs. cut off	1.35
235.	N. S. W., 1sh, No. 42, off cent., otherwise good	1.00
236.	New Zealand, 6d, No. 21, trimmed close, used	1.25
237.	New Zeal., 1872, 2d, wmk. star, used	.75
238.	Nicaragua, No. 4, unused; Nos. 5 and 11, used, good	.60
239.	Nicaragua, Mosquito Reserve, 5c revenue, unused strip of 5	—
240.	Norway, Nos. 3, 4, 15, 16, 39, used.	.86
241.	Panama, Nos. 73 and 81, used	1.40
242.	Portugal, Nos. 2 and 24, used, slightly damaged	1.12
243.	Persia, 5k, No. 89, unused block 4	6.00
244.	Persia, 5c on 10c, No. 189, used	.40
245.	Persia, 5c on 10c, No. 189a, used	.50
246.	Persia, 5c on 10c, No. 189b, used	.50
247.	Persia, 5c on 1k carmine, Gibbons No. 280, used	.50
248.	Persia, 5c on 1k, Gibbons No. 280a, used	2.50
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BOSTON, MASS., April 16, 1912.

The 268th (regular) meeting was held at the Club Room this evening with Pres. Nevin in the chair and 40 members and friends present.

Mr. Hill announced that the new circulars of the Recruiting Committee would be ready shortly.

Mr. Fowle reported on the work done by the Room Committee in fixing up the Club Room.

An invitation to become one of the patrons of the International Philatelic Exhibition in Paris, in January, 1913, was received and accepted.

Endorsement of the International Stamp Exhibition in New York in October, 1913, was asked by the Association in charge and was voted.

The application of Mr. Ernest W. Gibson was posted.

The following were elected members:—
No. 557. Mr. Paul Schwank.
No. 558. Mr. Wm. E. Field.

The amendment to the Statutes concerning the working of the Bourse was passed.

A vote of thanks was given Mr. E. F. Sawyer for the donation of over two thousand magazines to our Library.

In the competition for the best arrangement of a set of from 10 to 15 stamps of any country, the first award was given Mr. Nevin and the second Mr. Carpenter.

C. A. HOWES, Sec.

NEWS GLEANINGS.

Under this heading we desire to publish all the news from the various philatelic centers. Correspondents' names will be given unless prohibited as we desire to give full credit for services rendered.

—May 17 and 18 the Philadelphia Stamp Co. will sell the collection of G. C. Corbaley of Spokane, Wn., and other properties. Catalog just at hand shows a wide range of U. S. and foreign. June 7 and 8 this firm will sell in New York the collection of Dr. D. M. Easter of Greensburg, Pa.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from Chas. Jarecki and H. H. Harned.

—J. Emory Renoll, Hanover, Pa., reports unsatisfactory relations with Mrs. Ira R. Young of Canton, Ohio. After sending a selection on approval no reply could be obtained to any letter sent her and a sight draft was returned "Unable to collect." Interested parties will please communicate with Mr. Renoll.

—Ant. Himmelbauer & Co. of Vienna is circularizing American firms and advertise their wares "just as genuine as the attached postage stamp." A sample of the pictorial issue of Bosnia is used. It is a good advertisement and we are indebted to Arthur Russell for courtesy extended.

—"I notice that in your new issue column you report that I have shown you the 2c 1912, part perforate 12 vertically, with new watermark. It should have read 1911. I do not care to be the means of misleading anyone so shall thank you to make this correction.—ALVAH G. CLARK."

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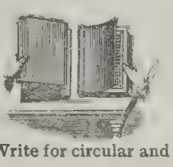

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We propose to insert upon this page matter that will be of interest to the boy collector. Some two thousand boys are now on our mailing list and it is our desire to come closely in contact with them in such a manner as will be most helpful. Any information desired will be cheerfully rendered through these columns. Do not submit stamps for examination.

THE BEGINNERS GUIDE.

COLOR.

Although color is, obviously, of primary importance as "part" of a stamp, varieties of color, or shades as they are more generally termed, are of questionable importance so far as the beginner is concerned. Let the specialist accumulate all the shades (and fades) he wishes; some are of undoubted value as marking certain issues or printings, others are of no philatelic significance whatsoever. The beginner will find enough novelty and variety in collecting easily recognised varieties without endeavoring to solve the knotty problem as to whether a certain stamp is "brown-bistre" or "bistre-brown." Collect distinct *colors* by all means for anyone who is not color blind can tell red from blue, violet from green, or even brown from yellow. I have no doubt that I shall be told that carmine and vermilion, ultramarine and blue, yellow-green and blue-green are equally easy to distinguish. They may be to the experienced collector but not one beginner in a thousand has enough "color-sense" to differentiate between such colors with certainty. Let your red stamp be merely red even though it is really carmine, scarlet, vermilion or pink! If you have a "natural eye for color" by all means keep all duplicates that appear to differ in tint from the stamp chosen for your album. Do not trade such varieties until you have gained experience. Some may possibly turn out to be the "rare shades" beloved of dealers, and others may be fades or something equally ignoble. The point I wish to impress in particular is do not worry to get, say, a violet and a lilac copy of the same stamp merely because you see these two shades listed in a catalogue. Hardly any two people see colors exactly alike. Certainly no two catalogues describe colors exactly alike; and to go a step farther no single catalogue succeeds in labelling colors of precisely the same tint with the same name. Thus a color represented as violet in one country's stamps may be termed lilac, purple, mauve, or even magenta in another part of the catalogue. Naturally this is very confusing to the beginner and until he has collected long enough to be able to judge and match colors for himself he will be well advised to spend his money on varieties of more importance. As a specialist I collect every imaginable shade of the stamps in the countries I favor but though I do this I recognise the futility of attempting to give names to even the most striking of these shades that would be readily understood by other specialists. Catalogues, we know, are full of inconsistencies but in no instance are they more inconsistent than in the listing of shades. In the case of popular countries we find quite an array of shade varieties while in unpopular countries the unsophisticated collector might well be pardoned for imagining that varieties of tint do not exist. To a large extent the listing of shades at all is ridiculous. Take Scott's list of the varieties of the 2c of the 1894 type for instance. We find the unwatermarked stamps given as "pink, carmine lake, and carmine," the watermarked ones as "carmine" and then among the color-changes of 1898-99 there are "orange-red and rose-carmine." Now how many dealers and collectors can recognise the last two varieties with absolute certainty? Yet they are solemnly given catalogue rank while any specialist knows that thirty or forty equally marked tints can be readily found in these 2c stamps. In France we find two shades of the 25c blue of 1849 yet the Confederate States 5c green of 1861, of which it is difficult to find two stamps exactly alike in shade, are also dismissed with two shades. Write to a dozen dealers for the "brick-red" shade of the 1d Great Britain of 1841 and you will probably receive a dozen different tints. Color nomenclature is one of the most perplexing and unsatisfactory problems in philately and the general collector, even when he reaches the "advanced" class will save himself endless worry by collecting *colors* as distinct from *shades*. But even then he will probably get into difficulties when it comes to differentiating between carmine, rose, scarlet, vermilion to say nothing of the compounds of these beloved of the catalogue compilers.

SHORT REPLIES.

F. R. R.—(Tyrone, Pa.)—Thanks for your letter regarding the Garfield stamps. The Official description of the 5c of 1882 is incorrect for the star between the words "FIVE" and "CENTS" is a six-pointed one as you remark. I had not noticed the discrepancy between the description and actual design until you called my attention to it.

J. S.—(Kansas City)—Afghanistan is not a member of the International Postal Union and its postage stamps are, therefore, not available for franking international mail matter. (2) The stamps of Aitutaki, Penrhyn Island, and the Cook Islands are still current in those islands. (3) I do not know whether the stamps of Juan Fernandez are still in use or not.

C. B. N.—Quite a number of articles on the stamps of China have appeared in various journals at different times. The most complete, and probably also the most recent, are those in the last two or three volumes of *Gibbons' Stamp Weekly* from the pen of Mr. C. L. Harte-Lovelace.

B. M.—The Guadeloupe surcharges of 1903 exist in almost bewildering variety. The 29 varieties recorded in Scott's catalogue are magnified into 268 in Gibbons!! If you are interested you cannot do better than get the latter catalogue for I cannot reproduce the list as you ask. It would not only take up too much space but would probably alarm instead of interest the majority of my readers!

COLLECTING ON A WAGER.

(Chas. W. Rosenbaum sends us the following clipping from a San Francisco paper. It reads well and as the reviewer of the latest book would say "the interest is well sustained to the very end." We would like the figures verified.—ED.)

W. Parker Lyon, former Mayor of Fresno, now a resident of Redwood City, has a hobby which is keeping him awake at night. He is a stamp collector.

In the ordinary pursuit of philately there is nothing calculated to bring gray hairs prematurely to one's head, but Lyon is collecting stamps against time, and is getting close to the limit.

It started on a wager. A friend of the former Mayor of Fresno has a big collection of stamps, which he exhibited to Lyon about three months ago. Incidentally, he referred to the years of patient toil he had spent in making it.

"I don't see why it took so long," remarked Lyon.

That started an argument, as a result of which Lyon bet that he could duplicate the collection in three months. He knew nothing about stamp collecting at that time, but he started right out and every moment since he has devoted to securing stamps. He has to get 30,000 all different. To date he has 27,000 and just three weeks are left in which to gather the remaining 3,000. It sounds easy, but those he is seeking are of rare issues and not in the open market. However, he has not given up.

THE CONCEIT OF CONNELL.

By F. J. MELVILLE.

The Hon. Charles Connell provides a curious study in the vagaries of conceit. A little glory, a little position, is and rightly so, a spur to ambition to greater things, but to some the little glory becomes a dazzling light and it was around the blaze of his honourable position in the Executive Council of New Brunswick that Connell appears to have fluttered like a moth until he blinded himself with conceit. And what has a blind man to do with a mirror? Connell foolishly provided himself with a mirror in the projected five cents stamp of the new currency series of New Brunswick in 1860. Nay, one may put it more strongly; he had made and would have set up a graven image of himself that all the world might see him in his glory—an image graven upon a postage stamp.

It was, as everyone now realises, an audacious thing for even a Postmaster-General to usurp the lawful place of the sovereign on a postage stamp. But it is impossible for us to uncover the workings of Connell's mind during the cogitation over this extraordinary step. We know little of the part he took in the work of the Executive Council, and still less of how his colleagues appreciated his services thereon, prior to the pyrotechnic display which the 5 cents stamp set off in 1860.

Connell, himself, had apparently had the full charge of the arrangements for the production of the 1860 issue of stamps, an issue which was necessitated by a change from the English system of currency to a decimal system, a change which was about the same time effected throughout British North America. He claims in his "Report" to have taken particular pains to ascertain the best and most economical mode of procuring the stamps. In New York he made "personal enquiry," and also corresponded with London. The result of his negotiations was that he "ordered from the American Bank Note Company the necessary supply, of the respective values of 1, 5, 10, and 12½ cents each." Apparently he did not consider it necessary to disclose the nature of the vignettes upon the divers denominations; that 5 cents was to come as a surprise, daring and novel, but not unacceptable if only the Executive Council and others had had an opinion of Mr. Connell which more nearly coincided with his private estimate of himself. No! the 5 cents was a treat in store, a presentation steel engraving of a glorified postman, a picture which should be welcomed in every household and tell the story of Connell, which story was the simple fiction, "What a big man am I!"

The incident is practically without a parallel in philately, and perhaps it was as well that it should happen early, that it might be to many a lesson which 'tis better to learn from others than by personal experience.

But I have not yet disclosed the full audacity of the move on Connell's part in selecting the five cents stamp as that which was to bear his counterfeit presentment. It may have been chance, but it also may have been of intent, that the honourable gentleman's portrait should adorn the most widely circulating of the whole series of stamps. This was, I believe, the inland letter rate throughout British North America at that period, and the denomination would be more extensively used than any other of the set. In the light of an initial order for 50,000 stamps of five cents as against 20,000 of the 10 cents stamp with the portrait of Her Majesty the Queen, the choice can scarcely be regarded as pure coincidence.

When the stamps were delivered by the American Bank Note Company—the lot including the 1 cent, violet-brown; 5 cents, brown (Connell), 10 cents, red; and 12½ cents, blue, the character of the 5 cents attracted the attention of the Executive Council who immediately instructed the Postmaster-General not to issue the 5 cents stamp, but to procure a new one bearing the portrait of the Queen. At this stage we find Connell taking an attitude which puts it out of the question that the use of his own portrait was a mere accident of bad form or taste. He stoutly declined to admit the Executive's authority to put their embargo on a stamp, which he, the Postmaster-General, had set up. He took his stand on the ground that the order for the issue was made at the time when he was authorised to procure new stamps. "I do not intend," he says in a communication to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, the Hon. J. H. T. Manners-Sutton, "that the legitimate authority belonging to the Chief of that Department [the Post Office] shall be limited or circumscribed while I have the honour of being at its head." The Executive Council in Committee replied to Connell's lengthy defence that they admitted the Postmaster-General had the consent of his colleagues to obtain decimal stamps, "but they were procured and being distributed before they were submitted to your Excellency in Council for approval, or before the impress they bore was known to the Council, and when submitted it was the opinion of the Council that the 5 cents stamps should bear the likeness of Her Majesty."

Connell still quibbled, although he had placed his resignation in the hands of the Lieutenant-Governor. "I have fulfilled my duty, and did what I supposed I was fully authorized to do. At all events I have violated no law, and . . it is admitted I had the consent of my colleagues to obtain the decimal stamps."

The correspondence and the minutes of the Council make curious reading and any who are further curious concerning the character of the complacent original of the effigy on the 5 cents of 1860 would do well to turn up Mr. Donald A. King's articles in *Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal,* where the documents are transcribed at length (March 30, 1895). Let it content us for the present chat to know that Connell's resignation, "the only honourable course to pursue" took effect and the sacrifice of his well-remunerated post was equipped in the verselets ending:—

"Six hundred pounds to see his face
Posting around from place to place."

The stamp, perforated 12, figures in the catalogue, though on my soul I know not why, for 'tis the tantalising trait of the cataloguer that he should exclude many stamps because they were never actually issued, and the Connell stamp was nipp'd i' the bud by an unsympathetic Council, whose members loved their Queen better than their Postmaster-General. The perforated stamp is priced at £30, of course *unused;* I am satisfied with an imperforate proof to shew my non-philatelic friends when I tell them the story of the unblushing postmaster. Over the proof are in letters of ruddy hue:

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A BIT OF ADVICE.

By WM. H. MATTHES.

The complaint is often made that stamp collecting is not profitable. This is true in many instances, but only when a person does not know what to collect. The writer has seen many a collection, the accumulation of which cost quite a bit of money, but the investment was poor.

How can we find out what to collect? The answer is, by taking good stamp papers, by reading them carefully, and by jotting down and remembering what ought to be remembered. Many collectors try to get along without stamp papers, many subscribe to one or two and these perhaps are poor, and a great many subscribers to good stamp papers simply look over the advertisements and read nothing else. We certainly do not want to say that the advertisements should be overlooked, but one must know whether the offers are good and whether the stamps offered are good and profitable purchases.

The main things in a good stamp paper are the leading articles, the chronicle of new issues, and the Government reports of the different stamp issues. Every good stamp paper brings such reports as often as possible. These can be relied upon and they ought to be kept on file or copied and put together and consulted when a purchase of importance is to be made. It takes some time to find this out when no one calls your attention to it, but if you once know it and adhere to it, you surely will know what to invest in and your purchases will be profitable. When the issue of a stamp of a country which is likely to be popular with collectors is small, you may purchase as many copies of this stamp as you like and be certain that your money is invested well.

Another thing to be remembered is this: One must take into consideration the size of the stamp-issuing country. It would never do to put the U. S., or England, or Germany, on a level with Monaco, or Virgin Isl., or Samoa. In a large country there are many more collectors who are particularly interested in the stamps of their own country, a large country also uses a great many more stamps, even of the highest denominations, in the ordinary run of business than a small country. An issue of 100,000 copies is a small one for the U. S. but would be quite large for Monaco. Consequently if you would look to the profitable side of the investment, you would not buy a stamp of Monaco that was issued in 100,000 copies.

A great many of our collectors here in the U. S. evidently do not know what to collect in our own beautiful and cheap stamps. A few days ago we saw a really fine collection of about 6,000 different stamps, but there was not a vestige of our imperforate Commemorative stamps therein. There were many other stamps of our country and others which cost from 50c to $1.00 each but not an imperforate Lincoln, Alaska-Yukon or Hudson-Fulton, and this collection is not the only one of its kind. Now we are certain there are no more beautiful stamps in any country of the world, we also know that the quantities of each of these issues were published, but evidently most of our collectors have overlooked this or surely not many of these stamps could be had cheap now, excepting perhaps, the imperforate Lincoln, although it is but a little more than two and a half years since the issue of the same.

The number of imperforate 2c stamps of the Commemorative series, given by our Third Asst. Postmaster-General, Mr. James J. Britt, is as follows:—

Lincoln, 1,273,000
Alaska-Yukon-Pacific, 525,420
Hudson-Fulton, 445,200

The Lincolns were issued in sheets of 400, the Alaska-Yukon in sheets of 280 and the Hudson-Fulton in sheets of 240 stamps. It is safe to assume that one-third of these were used. In order to collect imperforates right, one must have at least a pair and better still, a block of four of each. It is no hard task to cipher out how many blocks of each may still be available. If every collector in the U. S. had one block of each of these stamps we doubt very much that one would be left, especially of the Hudson-Fulton. The center blocks are very scarce. There never were more than 3185 center blocks of the Lincoln, 1877 of the Alaska-Yukon, and 1855 of the Hudson-Fulton. The arrow blocks are nothing like common. All told there were just four times as many as center blocks. There is nothing prettier in comparatively common stamps than

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Finland	1889, 10m.	.95
	1891, 7r	3.70
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4c brown	.32	.50
5c blue	.38	.55
1c new wmk.	.07	.10
2c " "	.14	.18
1c numeral	.06	.08
2c "	.11	.14

Part Perf.	Pair.	Line pair
1c 1911, end 8½	.04	.07
2c " " 8½	.07	.12
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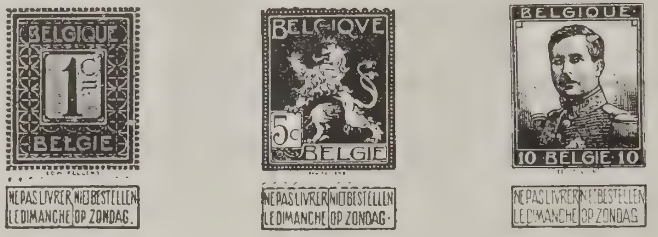
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THE NEW STAMPS OF BELGIUM.

By courtesy of the New England Stamp Co. the three designs of the new Belgium set reported last week are herewith pictured. Other values will shortly be issued.

a page of each of these imperforate Commemoratives, the center block in the middle and an arrow block at top and bottom, at right and left, and, by the way, there is no finer cheap cover of our U. S. stamps than one bearing a lightly cancelled pair of our imperf. Lincoln, A. Y., and H. F. stamps, just the fee for an ordinary registered letter. How is it that these stamps can still be had so cheap from most any dealer? Why simply because most collectors have no idea of their relative scarcity.

Here is another instance for our collectors of U. S. Colonials. Look at the ordinary collections of the Phil. Isl.! Which of the Phil. surcharged on U. S. stamps do you find in the ordinary collections? Why, the issue of 1899-1901 up to 15c and of the issue 1903 the 1, 2, 5, 10, 13, 15 and possibly the 50c. Why do you generally find these? Because all of these were issued in 100,000 copies or more. The 3, 4, and 6c of 1903 are usually missing. No wonder, for the issue of these was comparatively small. There was 15,000 of the 3c, 3,000 of the yellow brown and 10,000 of the dark brown 4c, and 12,000 of the 6c, 1903 issued. Besides we must remember that some of these stamps were destroyed by the U. S. authorities in Manila in 1907. Why don't the collectors buy these three stamps especially mentioned when they can get them so cheaply up to the present day? The fault lies not with the publishers of stamp news, they have long since published the size of these issues. The fault lies with the collectors, who, as a rule, do not read their papers well.

We would like to mention one more set of stamps, issued not many years ago, to prove our statement. This is the first set of Br. Solomon Isl. stamps, issued in 1907. It has been published repeatedly that of the three high values of this set, viz. the 5d, 6d, and 1 shilling, 8400 copies were issued. Still the whole set from ½d to 1 shilling inclusive can be bought to-day for $2.10, (latest quotation of a big English dealer). There is a great number of collectors of 20th Century Brit. Col., a great many more than 8400. There certainly are more than 10,000 collectors in the world who would be willing to spend $5.00 for a good stamp. Why then can these stamps of Br. Sol. Isl. and a great many more that are comparatively scarce, still be had so cheaply? Here is the answer: Many collectors do not read good stamp papers as they ought to do, they do not remember what they ought to remember if they want to make a profitable investment when purchasing stamps. Our advice to every serious collector of postage stamps who wants to be certain that his investment will bring him material results is: Keep as many good stamp papers and magazines as you can, read them carefully, and jot down the Government reports of the issues in your catalogue. We are positive no collector will ever regret having heeded this bit of advice.

CURRENT CHATTER.

By Angus McTavish.

The following thunderbolt is from the February number of the *Australian Philatelist:*

"We have on several occasions noted that some Continental journals are in the habit of appropriating a number of our news items without acknowledging the source."

"In an endeavour to catch one or more of them tripping, we (falsely) stated in our last number that the ½d King's Head, New Zealand, had been overprinted in black, for use in the above mentioned Island, whereas the colour is red."

What a smug little idea. By the time the Continental journals have misled their readers, and reached Australia it will be late in April or early in May. By then the mighty staff of the *A. P.* will have lashed itself into titanic fury. It is sincerely to be hoped that if the *Blankenberghe Booster* does see black, when it should have seen red, that Australia won't declare war on Belgium. In the meantime all the worms of Europe tremble.

A month or two ago I must have scratched the back of the editor of the *Australian Stamp Journal,* for, in his February number he says:

"We always turn with a certain amount of pleasurable anticipation to the 'Current Chatter' by Mister Angus McTavish, even if he does give us a 'rap over the knuckles' now and then."

Every rose bush has its thorns, in the meantime, dear St. Patrick, keep on scratchin'.

There is, I believe, very little truth in the rumour that the White City, of Shepherd's Bush is to be removed *en bloc* to Margate for the benefit of Congress Delegates. Nor will there I am told be any wild elephant hunting allowed with the herd of elephants which is to be imported as a special Congress week attraction. I believe, however, that it will be possible to turtle!

Mr. M. P. Castle writing in the *L. P.* says of British Guiana that:

"The nearest point of contact with the West Indian Islands group is Trinidad, which is about 100 to 150 miles distant."

One of the drawbacks of living in the West Indies is that you never can tell, within fifty miles or so, how far it is to the mainland.

For some years there has been, so I am told, a wish to change the name of Margate to Marrusalem. The visit of the Congress delegates next month ought to give the movement an impetus.

Mrs. McTavish, until she read a Herts *Monthly Report* thought that no Club meetings broke up before mid-night. Now she wants to know the meaning of "a most enjoyable meeting terminated at 8.25."

Mr. Ricketts, of the States, is compiling a marvellous Philatelic Literature Bibliography Index of all "articles and notes contained in philatelic publications of all kinds and all languages from 1863 to 1912." I have seen Part I. and it is immense. IMMENSE. In case the monumental article, note, or paragraph referred to below should have been forgotten by even one of the world's workers I extract the following item from Mr. Ricketts' index.

"Abroad, Philately, List of Journals with addresses, Pub. and Sub. 1908. See Lamb, F. F."

THANKS.

Has yet another Cornelius Wrinkle stepped into the limelight or is dear old Corney of the *Postage Stamp* becoming broader minded. In a recent copy I find:

"Yet when the philatelists go to Scotland for their Congress in 1913 it will become them to sample the to-be celebrated blend which one of the philatelic Macs (a Tavish probably) is to be invited to invent with a view to making the Congress in Auld Reekie an occasion of high spirits and rollicking memories."

A month or so ago Cornelius was belching forth sarcasm and wrath because a delegate at the last Congress, fortified with a recipe for "rollicking memories," dared to hurl, in the sacred room dedicated to Congress palaver, "projectiles of paper pellets" (half-penny a line). If the Coal Strike is really over before the middle of 1913, I hope to meet Cornelius on the 'tother side of the Tweed, and persuade him to join me in sampling the already famous Scotch blend. After all, it is only Cornelius who would dare to suggest that a Southerner should try to teach the men of Edinboro' how to mix their drinks.

Last month the *P. J. G. B.*, for the first time in nearly a quarter of a century, omitted to have an Editorial! Since then there has been a coal strike, the Oxford and Cambridge boats sank, and Mr. Albert Harris has got married.

The dear old *S. C. F.* has opened a Shilling Fund for the benefit of the Fourth Philatelic Congress. To enable readers of the *P. J. G. B.* to participate in a good thing I have opened a subscription list to help pay my expenses as delegate to the Edinboro' Congress in 1913. Every bank-note will be conscientiously applied. In the event of Mr. P. doing me in the eye, as he has this year, the funds will be equally conscientiously dissipated in Bruxelles or elsewhere. In the event of death they will help to buy a nice wreath. In any case the money will be put to a good object. Cheques for less than £10 respectfully declined.

Next month, if I feel well enough, I hope to concoct some limericks? dealing with various members of a well-known Society which has its headquarters close to Broad Street Station. This preliminary feeler will enable members to save up. Fees for immortalization One Guinea. Cost of purchasing exemption Two Guineas. Both bargains, the second certainly the cheaper.

To prove that this is no empty threat I append a couple of doggerels (So called because they made the author's dog ill.):

There once was a Librarian named Brand,
Who with the Societies lore to his hand,
Should have spotted a member of that glorious band,
Which inverted was shipped to Liberia's strand;
But he didn't, and so lost a tenner did Brand.

. . . . . .

There was once an official named Higlett,
Whose name, however I tickle it
And puzzle, and puzzle, and wriggle it
Always, and always rhymes with piglett,
But for that he doesn't care a Liberian figlet, does Higlett.

—*Phil. Jour. Gt. Britain.*

A LA NEW YORK WORLD.

Collectors of postage stamps will be interested in knowing of a proposal to adopt the New Zealand system and abolish the use of postage stamps altogether. If this is done the value of many stamps now in the hands of collectors will soar amazingly.

The plan suggested is that instead of laying in a supply of postage stamps, or buying one or two at a time, as needed, you have a stamp meter installed in your office or home. A letter to be mailed is inserted in the meter and rubber-stamped, with an official mark which serves the purpose of an ordinary postage stamp. The meter records the number of letters stamped in this way, and when the government agent comes round to read the meter he collects for the number of stamps recorded in the machine.

The use of envelopes with a printed stamp in ordinary black type on the upper right-hand corner, instead of the colored adhesive stamp, has already appeared in this country, especially among large business houses.

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7 Siam	15	6 Reunion	05	6 Philippines	04
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W. A. Langdon has submitted for our inspection an upper and lower strip of ten of the one-cent green, head of Franklin, recently current, minus plate number and any form of imprint. We indicated last week the find, but could give no particulars other than the bare information which came to hand just as we were going to press. Mr. Langdon submitted with these two strips a *vertical* strip upon which was the Bureau imprint, the open star and the number of the sheet, 5672. Mr. Langdon informs us that he has plate numbers 5651, 5659 and 5673. The two sheets of one hundred are from the left hand side of the pane.

Believing that this matter was of sufficient importance to call to the attention of the Department we submitted the case to J. E. Ralph, director of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, who replied as follows:

"I am in receipt of your letter of the 26th instant, in which you request me to advise you whether any change has been made as regards the inserting of plate numbers on sheets of stamps. You state that this matter is called to your attention by a correspondent whose letter you enclose, and request me to inform you whether a change in the imprinting has been made, and if so, the extent of the change.

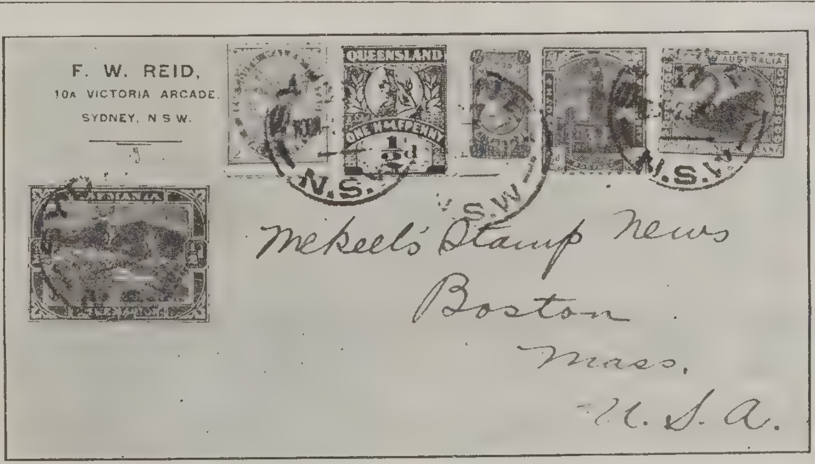
As perhaps you are aware, all plates made for postage stamps after December 1, 1911, and until March 7, 1912, did not have the imprint "Bureau of Engraving and Printing" on them, but did have the letter "A", and the plate number. All plates made after March 7, 1912, have only the plate number upon them, the letter "A" being discontinued on that date. This plate number appears eight times upon each plate of four hundred stamps; twice on the top, twice on each side respectively, and twice on the bottom, each sheet of one hundred stamps containing the plate number twice.

In connection with this matter, you call my attention to a letter from your correspondent, Mr. W. A. Langdon, in which he encloses ten 1-cent stamps with entire top margin, and ten 1-cent stamps with entire bottom margin, also a side margin on the lower 1-cent stamps for inspection, and calls attention to the fact that there is no Bureau imprint or letter or plate number on the top and bottom margin of the stamps, but on the lower pane will be found a plate number attached to the side margin. It is observed that the side margin contains plate number 5672, while the top and bottom margin on the row of ten 1-cent stamps each, as stated by Mr. Langdon, does not contain either the Bureau imprint, the star, or the number.

Assuming that these two rows of stamps with the margin attached were printed from plate number 5672, and as an examination of this plate shows the Bureau imprint, the star, and the number upon the bottom and top of that plate in eight places where they were usually put, these imprints should have appeared in the usual places upon the margins of all stamps printed from this plate. It is not possible, of course, to advise you definitely just how it happened that the imprints were left off of the margin of stamps as shown by the specimens enclosed by Mr. Langdon. It may be that the printer in inking the plate failed to get any ink in the Bureau imprint, the star, and the number 5672, and, therefore, no imprint of these characters appears on the printed sheet, although, there are other ways in printing sheets of stamps by which these imprints might fail to appear thereon.

I return herewith the letter of Mr. Langdon, with the twenty 1-cent stamps with margins, and the side margin containing plate number 5672, enclosed by him to you."

We are grateful to Mr. Ralph for his prompt and courteous reply to our letter asking for information. We might add that it would be interesting to know more about the "other ways" by which these interesting varieties could have been created.



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To the Editor:—

In your issue of April 20th you state that the French P. O. will, after June 1st, adopt the system of naming the hours from midnight to midnight from 1 to 24.

This system has been in use by the Belgian P. O. since 1897 and stamps are to be found cancelled 0–1, 1–2, 2–3 and so on until 23–24 and 24–1—24–1 that is midnight to one o'clock appears to have been in use until 1902 when it was changed to 0-1. 23 o'clock will therefore be quite scarce as it may always be accompanied by 22 or 24.

It speaks well for the assiduity of the Belgian P. O. department to be, so to speak, "on the job" day and night and on Sundays as well, though we may assume that the smaller Post Offices do not cancel so continuously, as I find stamps marked 1–4 and 4–7 etc., but rarely one without any hour whatever.

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EDITORIAL.

Charity Stamp—Mr. Herman W. Boers, Detroit, Michigan, has sent for inspection, a pair of "near stamps" that reflect a by-gone period when the authorities did not impose the stringent measures in regard to stamp imitation or approximation that came with the later years. The label which is lithographed in dull carmine follows the outline of a shield, on which in bannerettes are the words: Sunday School Postage. Obliquely from the bottom to top is a label which in two lines presents the biblical verse: "I have written unto you with my own hand." *St. Paul.* The background of the shield is a dotted one and vertical lines fill in the ground outside the shield so as to make the rectangular effect of the stamp. At the base, outside of the design is: Copyright Secured. This label is of interest to those who attend to the sidelines of labels with postal suggestion because of the use of the word, postage, on the impression under notice. There is a dim recollection that this label appeared during the time of the Centennial held at Philadelphia, in 1876—the shield is a copy of that on the Centennial envelopes—and that the labels were sold or otherwise distributed there but definite information on the subject is lacking. Particulars as to the object of the issue of the label and the time and place of its appearance would be acceptable.

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How it Grew—The Chicago *Tribune* paid cable tolls on the following item, which was given the dignity of a double head: "Stamp collectors are in dismay over the coming of the penny in the slot stamping machines which will kill off their hobby. They will hold a mass-meeting of protest at Margate in the first four days of May. Baron Leijonhurvud, the owner of the greatest Swedish collection in the world will preside. There are many wails in the London papers over the extinction of the philatelic science by the automatic machines." It is amazing how philatelic misinformation germinates. In this story, provided with a basis of truth, the non-philatelic reporter encouraged by the managing editor distorted the tale into a travesty on the facts. Yet philately is not isolated in receiving this treatment; any pursuit that is not a superficial one and seen through by the casual observer almost at a glance, is mistreated in a similar way. Probably, it was announced that on the *agenda* of the British philatelic congress at Margate there would be a discussion of the effect of slot machine stamps on philately; and on this skeleton of truth, the story was fabricated.

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Of All Things—A reader favors us with the following communication: "For your edification and inspection, I am sending you a curious find which I made in going through some old correspondence. Inside of one of the envelopes just as it is yet, is a piece of another envelope, which, no doubt, accidentally got in there some way in the making. This, in itself, is not so remarkable but this piece happens to be a fragment of one of the gems of philately, Scott No. 1469, if I have correctly identified it." The revelation here is a most astounding one. First of all, the envelope, a three-cent green on white, die a, 1874 or Plimpton issue, is made note-worthy by its strange insert, a portion of another envelope on blue paper, that somehow became attached to the inside of the envelope but that this piece should show a quarter of that extreme rarity in envelopes, the three-cent green on blue, Plimpton, die a, is almost beyond the bounds of belief. Such is the case, however, and well may we say that wonders will never cease. Whether to congratulate the finder in the light of the axiom that a quarter of a stamp is better than no stamp at all or to condole with him that the great rarity has been so cruelly partitioned is open to argument.

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Found—Mrs. J. A. Bowen writes: "Among forty-two of the one-cent blue, 1890, I have the types described by Mr. G. A. Hunt. I have a pair of type III; a pair with a jut on the left of numeral; a pair with wing-shaped marks on right and left of numeral. I have been looking over my three-cent of 1851 and the same stamp perforated with added interest since reading Mr. Goodwin's article in the issue of April 13th."

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Year of Jubilee—In view of the declaration that the year 1862 was that in which philately had its birth and the consequent acceptance of the present year, 1912, as marking the fiftieth anniversary of philately, a few words of explanation are to be allowed. In reality, stamp collecting in some vagrant form or other was known before 1862 but before that time, it had no organization or printed records, if an exception is made in favor of M. Oscar Berger-Levrault's catalogue, printed privately at Strassburg, the first edition of which appeared in September, 1861 and the second in December of the same year. In an essay on philately that we wrote many years ago, the following was the introductory paragraph: An authority says that the date of the earliest stamp collection presumably is not to be ascertained, but that the first "collection" that he saw was in 1854; the stamps were arranged on a chart. This was years after the famous *Punch* called attention in rhyme to the Knights of the Spit-Upon, as they who gathered up the current stamps in quantity were dubbed facetiously. During the fifties collecting was in an evolutionary stage, but in the earlier sixties, stamp collecting was quite general in Europe and stamp papers and albums were published. However, the selection of 1862 as the natal year of philately is a fair one as it was then that it became systematized and attained a popularity of sufficient degree to establish it as a factor. Fifty years of growth and progress have given philately a foundation of such firm and ample base that resting upon it, philately may view serenely the celebration of its jubilee by its enthusiastic followers. It is something almost sacred to know that there may be, must be, a few philatelists, living today, who followed the fortunes of the pursuit from the day of its birth; and their names should be enscribed on the golden scroll by the philatelists of the present generation.

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Arrangements are already being made for the establishment of a model stamp factory at the Exhibition with working machinery, which will be engaged in the various operations of stamp manufacture during the period the Exhibition is open. Already the Executive Committee has arranged for a number of machines never hitherto viewed by the philatelic public, to be shewn in operation.

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(Clipping from Hugo Kuenstler.)

WASHINGTON, May 4.—The perfected Post Office Appropriation bill, contains several new features of legislation advocated by the majority. One was an abrogation of the rule, described by Democrats as a "gag" rule, which prevented Federal employes in the postal service from complaining to Congress of their treatment.

The bill also contains a provision which would compel newspapers, magazines and other periodicals to publish the names of their managing editors and stockholders who own stock valued at more than $550. This provision, championed by Representative Barnhart of Indiana, was amended by Representative Allen of Ohio so that the daily papers are required to publish this information only one issue a week. The Barnhart bill also provides that all editorial or reading matter for which money has been received must be labeled "advertisement."

A compromise on the parcel post and express provisions occupied most of the time of debate and was agreed to after many amendments were voted down. As the bill was perfected in the Committee of the Whole the parcel post and express questions are given to a committee of three Senators and three Representatives for study and report to the next session of Congress.

Meantime a rural route parcel service is provided. Its rates are five cents for the first pound and one cent for each additional pound up to eleven pounds. All of this mail matter is confined to rural route service. A general parcel post service of twelve cents a pound for eleven pounds is contained in the bill.

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A FEW RANDOM NOTES ON U. S.

By FRANK E. GOODWIN.

In looking over a few hundred copies of the 3 cent rose, imperforate, 1851-56, I found an unused copy of the stamp with watermark. As I had looked for this stamp for a long time the "find" came as a most welcome surprise. The watermark resembles a lot of curved lines like this—(((((((—running horizontally across the middle of the stamp. It is not unknown to specialists. I know of two other copies, one belonging to Dr. Chase of Brooklyn, the other to F. D. Collins of St. Louis. There are probably others in existence and known. But it is a rare stamp, I am certain. The copy I have, and that of Mr. Collins' are of the earliest print, in dark shade, plate practically unworn.

In looking for line varieties of the 3 cent 1857-60 I found a copy on true laid paper, vertical lines, very close together.

Will some one who has a copy of the 24 cent August, 1861, give a description of the color by which it can be recognized?

Specialists in U. S. will find a rich field for their researches in the different sized grills. The catalogs give but a few of the real sizes which can be found in a few hundred copies of the cheap stamps.

NEW IRISH STAMPS PROBABLE.

An interesting sidelight on the Home Rule Bill is the fact that Ireland will have her own postage stamps presumably of her own design.

This was confirmed by Mr. Herbert Samuel himself, who informed a Central News representative that Ireland would in all probability fall into line with the colonies in the matter of separate postage stamps.

Another interesting point, especially to philatelists, was submitted to the Postmaster-General, and this was whether until Ireland had installed her own stamp making machinery English stamps would be used with cancellation marks.

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Inquiries at the General Post Office showed that the time had not yet arrived when the officials could discuss the details of the subject, much less the actual design proposed.—London *Evening Standard.*

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NEWS GLEANINGS.

Under this heading we desire to publish all the news from the various philatelic centers. Correspondents' names will be given unless prohibited as we desire to give full credit for services rendered.

—L. Harald Kjellstedt, accompanied by wife and son, will sail for Copenhagen, Denmark, on May 16th and will visit a number of places in Sweden and Norway before his return to Scranton, Pa., Aug. 1.

—B. W. H. Poole, Altadena, Cal., has issued a twenty page price-list that he will send to any one who will request the same. The list is neatly printed and well edited.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from C. M. Breder (2), Elmer Topelman, W. A. Kain, Hugo Kuenstler (8), R. E. Jessup.

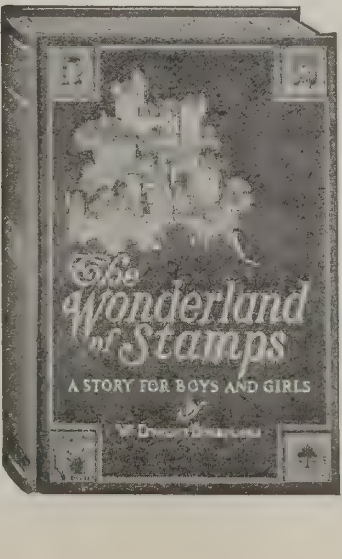
—Will W. R. Harrison please send his address to this office, as we have a letter awaiting his attention. In this connection we wish to remind our readers that our mail list is not arranged alphabetically but by states, mail routes, cities and towns. If perchance we mislay a communication, it is not an easy thing finding an address.

—Information is wanted as to the whereabouts of Otto Frank, formerly 349, 51 St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

—H. V. Blackburn, the enterprising secretary of the Canadian Philatelic Assn., is offering a subscription to MEKEEL'S WEEKLY to anyone who will send in ten applications for membership. We appreciate Mr. Blackburn's kindness in the matter and sincerely hope that as a result of his offer the Canadian society will grow by leaps and bounds.

—Two new cancellations have been received. One is from Sandusky, Ohio, and consists of the regulation postmark with "Perry's Victory Centennial, Put-in-Bay, Ohio, 1913." The inscription is in four lines, in the usual flag shaped cancellation. H. V. Blackburn sends us a Toronto cancellation, the inscription in four lines reading, "Canadian National Exhibition, Toronto, Aug. 24—1912—Sept. 9."

—The English Government will shortly issue half-penny and penny stamps in coil form. We also note that an experimental apparatus for sorting letters has been installed in the new postal sorting office at Crewe railway station.



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—The date of the A. P. S. Convention is Tuesday, Aug. 20. Hotel headquarters, Hotel Kimball, Springfield, Mass.

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CHRONICLE OF NEW ISSUES AND VARIETIES

Edited by HENRY A. KIDDER.

Any information regarding new issues will be gratefully received and acknowledged. Address HENRY A. KIDDER, 17 Addison St., Arlington, Mass. Letters calling for a reply should contain a self-addressed, stamped envelope. We cannot give applicants the addresses of our correspondents. Correspondence regarding precancelled stamps must be sent to FRANK B. ELDREDGE, Attleboro, Mass., when due credit will be given in this department.

UNITED STATES.—George Story Chapman has shown us the new 2c stamp, imperforate vertically and perforated 8½ horizontally.

W. J. Stablir sends us a specimen of the recent postmarking done at the Chicago postoffice. This is an imperforate 2c stamp of the 1908 type, with what Mr. Stablir calls "the new paint brush cancellation." As he says, "They must employ an ex-house painter in the cancelling department."

We are indebted to J. Arthur Wainwright and Arthur L. Gleason for information regarding the varieties of stamps used over permits. We find we have opened up an apparently inexhaustible supply of freaks of this kind, a supply so large that we shall be unable to print further lists, unless the interest in them should prove to be greater than at present appears to be the fact.

BAVARIA.—According to *Lemaire's Journal*, the Bavarian Government has issued books of stamps, each book containing seven leaves, with 20 5pf stamps and 10 10pf stamps, and in addition 12 little advertisements. These books are sold at the face value of the stamps, at two marks each. The sheets used in the preparation of these books, present the same peculiarity as those recently issued by the Swiss Government, both the 5pf and 10pf stamps being arranged tete beche.

CHINA.—A. C. Roessler and A. W. Dunning have favored us with specimens of the new surcharged stamps issued by the Chinese Republic. As noted in No. 1114, the surcharge consists of four Chinese characters, printed vertically in the Chinese fashion. Mr. Dunning has shown us 12 varieties of used postage stamps, including the current set from ½c to 50c, and 8 varieties of unused postage due stamps, from ½c to 30c. The colors of the surcharges on the postage stamps were correctly stated in No. 1114, the surcharges on the postage due stamps being all in red. Mr. Roessler says the surcharges were issued April 5, or earlier.

CYPRUS.—*The Berliner Briefmarken Zeitung* announces that five values of the new King George set have been seen. As we have not seen them the colors cannot be given. The values are the ½-pi, 30pa, 1pi, 4pi and 6pi.

GILBERT & ELLICE ISLANDS.—This colony has also issued three stamps of the King George series. The frame is stated by *Lemaire's Journal* to be the same as the Mauritius set of 1910.

Adhesives.

5d lilac and olive.
6d lilac and violet.
1sh black on green.

GUATEMALA.—Three varieties are reported of the recently issued provisional, 1c on 6c Granados: With surcharge inverted; double surcharge, both normal; double surcharge, one normal and one inverted.

HONDURAS.—A. W. Dunning has favored us with a specimen of the stamp mentioned in No. 1112 as having been issued to commemorate the accession to the Presidency of the Republic of Gen. Manueal Bonilla, February 1, 1912.

Mr. Dunning also sends us a specimen of a provisional commemorative stamp, issued September 15, 1911, to mark the date of the Anniversary of Independence. The stamp submitted is the 2c green of the current steamer type, the surcharge, which is in small type, reading, "XC—Aniversario de la—Independencia." The surcharge is in carmine. The number issued is said to have been very small. This provisional has apparently escaped the chronicler, and we are still in doubt as to its correct status.

MAURITIUS.—This colony is early in the field with stamps bearing the portrait of King George, three values having been seen.

Adhesives.

5c gray and carmine.
25c black and red on yellow.
10r green and carmine on green.

NICARAGUA.—Mr. Schachne has shown us the new cards (Waterlow imprint) mentioned last week, which are a credit to both the manufacturer and the Republic. Both stamps are the same size—the 4c being an upright rectangle and the 10c, the other way, both dated 1911. The headlines on the 4c are "Republica de . Nicaragua" in ornamental type arranged on a slightly ornamented band of nearly rectangular shape, with "Tarjeta Postal Interior" in one line below. The 10c has the name in French on an arched ornamented band with the same (as on the 4c) on a straight band below. The U. P. U. inscriptions are in small block letters—one line partly above and two lines below the headline design. The cards are a pure white and rather thin, size 140x90.

Postal Cards.

4c brown on white.
10c dark brown on white.

PHILIPPINES.—Dr. W. K. Beatty, writing from the Philippines, says: "In MEKEEL'S of January 20, 1912, I note some remarks on the 20 centavos yellow, current Philippines, about the difficulty of detecting the single line watermark. I cannot understand why the new watermark does not make a new variety; if you will examine a block of 20 centavos yellow I think you will experience no difficulty in distinguishing the watermark and identifying the letter. You cannot distinguish the letter by the benzine cup or water nor by holding to the light; rather let a strong light fall on the reverse of the stamp with the stamp on a dark green background. The new watermark if considered as a

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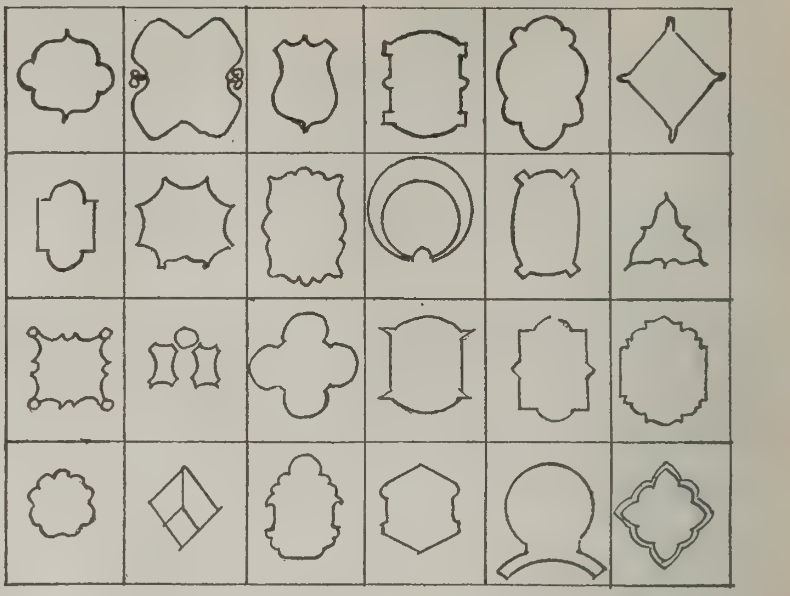

OUR STAMP REBUS.

Our last contest cannot be considered a very great success. Only seven entries were received and the result may be possibly due to that tired feeling that is prevalent during the spring months.

This rebus was sent in by Frank C. Clark of Medford, Oregon, and we give herewith the official list of answers as submitted by him, reading from left to right:—

(1) Roman States, (2) Uruguay, (3) Honduras, (4) Liberia also Officials, (5) Congo, (6) Argentine Rep. also surcharged, (7) New Zealand, (8) Bermuda, (9) Mexico, (10) Benadir, (11) Peru, (12) Columbia Rep., (13) Reunion, (14) Corea, (15) San Marino, (16) Brazil, (17) German Empire, (18) Niger Coast Pro., (19) Col. Rep. Antioquia, (20) Two Sicilies, Naples, (21) Cape of Good Hope, (22) Great Britain, (23) Newfoundland, (24) India, Jhind.

Two contestants succeeded in naming all of the designs:—B. M. Randall, M. D., J. J. Prendergast.

James M. Hunnewell sent in a list with but two wrong and the same is true of E. P. Morehouse. Incomplete lists are also acknowledged from F. C. DePuy, C. Lam and Paul Warriner.

We have in preparation one other rebus that we shall hope to make sufficiently interesting to induce a strong competition.

14	**Malay States** 1901, 1c grn. & bl.	.25	**.12**
15	1901, 3c brown & black	.04	**.03**
16	" 4c carmine & black	.06	**.04**
17	" 5c carmine & yellow	.10	**.06**
18	" 8c ultra. & black........	.12	**.10**
19	" 10c violet & black.......	.18	**.12**
20	" 20c black & violet.......	.50	**.25**

Chas. S. Osgood, (All unused) **Salem, Mass.**

	Cat.	Mine
315 N. S. Wales '80, 3p green	.25	.10
317 5p dark green ...	.75	.30
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variety will make the double lined watermarked new colors the scarcer variety. I will have to apologize here for presuming to make any criticism about those 20 centavos stamps as Mr. Siddall is our foremost philatelist out here and I am only a very rank amateur as yet on Philippines stamps."

Dr. Beatty need not apologize, as he and Mr. Siddall are both true students, and neither has any monopoly of discovery. By the way, Mr. Siddall did not say that the new watermark did not make a separate variety. In fact, all the catalogues recognize the two watermarks for the Philippines, as they do for the United States. Dr. Beatty sends us a block of four of the 20c stamps, and we find that the watermark is discernible, though faint. But the same is true of nearly all the United States and Philippine stamps, whether the watermark is double or single lined.

Theodore Siddall informs us that all values have been issued on the new single lined watermark paper except the 4c, 16c and 26c. The 2 peso in the color of the $1.00 U. S. is not expected to be issued for some time yet.

PORTUGAL.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us another value in the new set,—the ¼c, the lowest value in the set, the face value being the same as the former 2½r stamp.

Adhesive.

¼c seal brown.

Mr. Schachne now has the second card issued of the permanent set and this has the divided face like the 1c previously noticed and with the usual U P U headlines.

Post Card.

2c red on white.

ST. THOMAS AND PRINCE.—In addition to the cards chronicled in No. 1114, as having been received with the "Republica" overprint, J. N. Morse reports the 20r card and 50r letter card.

SALVADOR.—Mr. Schachne sends us another provisional card made from the 1c described in No. 1060. The stamp is completely obliterated with a large black overprint 30x43. An upright oval center (arms, flags, etc.) is flanked by a spray of leaves on each lower side:—above, is a ribbon with "Republica de Salvador" and at bottom is "Tribunal de Cuentas." As this overprint has put the stamp "out of commission" it leaves the card of no value so we find "Vale un centavo" in the upper left corner.

All this appears to be a new freak in postage affairs and seems to show that the Bureau of Accounts claims the 1c instead of the Postal Dept.

Post Card.

1c yellow green and black on white.

SEYCHELLES.—Two stamps have been issued for this Colony with portrait of King George.

Adhesives

2c brown and green.
15c ultramarine.

"STAMPS HARD TO GET."

Catalog Value $2.00 and Under.

A correspondent suggests that an article dealing with hard-to-get stamps would be appreciated by our readers. We invite contributions to a symposium, suggesting that it be confined to stamps that catalog $2.00 and under. We shall hope to have a sufficient number of entries to make a worthy contribution to our columns.

(*Contributed by A. Blanc.*)

Being greatly interested in the stamps of Greece I know which ones, priced under two dollars are hard to get.

First of all 40l violet Paris print new. Next Nos. 11 and 12, 10l and 20l first Athens used. I have never found one in this country that was O. K., altho auction sales apparently swarm with them. Of course "there is a reason" Scott's prices are 75c and 50c respectively while Stanley Gibbons' is $10 and $5 proving their scarcity. No. 24, 40l salmon on greenish used is hard to get—and, by the way, S. G. calls this "solferino"!! No. 36a, 10l *red* orange, is unobtainable from dealers and even No. 61, 20l rose new, and priced only 75 cents, is exceedingly scarce. In fact so are all Greeks of the first type, unused, excepting the later 1 leptons.

Your readers have mentioned the 1902 series, yet they are offered abroad in lots of ten and over.

Many of the Postage Dues priced as low as 10 to 25c even are unobtainable unused.

(*Contributed by F. E. Goodwin.*)

Although not strictly within the meaning of your "Scarce Stamps Cataloguing $2 or Under" this one comes very close to it—perhaps close enough for your consent that it be mentioned. I refer to the 24 cent steel blue, 1866, Scott's No. 78c. It catalogues $2.50—its comparative scarcity, as compared with other U. S. of about the same retail price, would indicate that it should be at least $10. I have asked at least 25 dealers for this stamp and found just one who could supply it. The auction sales of the past season contained just one copy. I bid $3 00 on it—the stamp sold for $3.10. I consider it much harder to obtain than the 10c 1847.

The bedfellow of the above stamp—24 cent lilac, mauve, or whatever it may be called, is most difficult to obtain in fine condition. One can look over 100 copies, as I have done frequently, and not find one which could be called perfection. If lightly cancelled, it is off center, perforations cut in, or something. If well centered it will be daubed with ink. A dollar ought to be cheap for it in fine condition; and $5 is not too high for it in fine unused shape.

Another hard to get is 1c 1869, either used or unused. It seems to me to be under-priced.

The most over-rated and inflated stamp under $2 is the 5c 1847. From one to 20 copies are to be found in every auction sale—a very good guide as to the scarcity and value of United States stamps.

TUTTLE SALE No. 186.

On Saturday April 20, George R. Tuttle sold the H. S. Bellinger property of U. S. postage stamps. The 525 lots netted a total of $3,135.80. A strip of four of the 10 cent 1847 on original cover, cancelled light red and pen marked, brought $61.00.

We note herewith a few of the prices realized:—

	Cat.	Price
*1847, 5c O. G.	$8.50	$5.20
*1847, 10c	35.00	18.00
1851, 3c on laid paper		12.00
1851, 5c strip of three	30.00	28.00
1861, 24c August	40.00	22.00
*1861, 90c O. G. block of four	60.00	76.00
*1867, 15c grill 11x13	25.00	18.50
*1867, 90c grill 9x13	50.00	42.50
1861, 10c Aug. 5c buff Sept. and 30c on orig. cover	15.75	36.00
1861, 3c pink Sept. vert. pair 24c and 30c vert. pairs on orig. cover	17.50	25.00
*Executive 3c car., block of four, O. G.	60.00	66.00

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5247	Special	5453	2c book
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5252	Special	5468	1c book
5253	Special	5470	1c book
5254	Special	5471	1c book
5350	2c	5675	2c
5372	2c	5676	2c
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WITH THE BOY PHILATELIST.

Edited by BERTRAM W. H. POOLE, Box 231, Altadena, Calif.

We propose to insert upon this page matter that will be of interest to the boy collector. Some two thousand boys are now on our mailing list and it is our desire to come closely in contact with them in such a manner as will be most helpful. Any information desired will be cheerfully rendered through these columns. Do not submit stamps for examination.

THE BEGINNERS GUIDE.

PAPER.

Varieties of paper are, philatelically, of first importance, for paper is not only an essential part of a stamp but is its very foundation. Yet though the primary importance of paper in relation to stamps, stamp production and stamp collecting is fully admitted in actual practise general collectors (which description, of course, covers all beginners) pay less attention to paper as a factor in making collectible varieties than they do to watermarks and perforation. I am not going to quarrel with the beginner on this score for watermarks are (generally) easy to see, perforations are easy to count, and variations in paper are often quite difficult to distinguish. Though I do not advocate the collection of paper varieties, as such, by the beginner, if he takes an intelligent interest in his stamps he will certainly wish to know how to distinguish the various sorts of paper most generally used in the manufacture of postage stamps. To more fully and clearly understand the many varieties of paper an elementary knowledge of the actual process employed in making paper itself is necessary.

In making paper all sorts of materials are used such as wood, straw, dried grasses, rags and waste-paper. These materials must, however, be of vegetable origin so that while linen and cotton rags are valuable, woolen materials are useless. The better qualities of paper are obtained from linen and cotton rags and as stamps are rarely printed on the poorer grades of paper we may take it for granted that discarded rags form the foundation of even the rarest philatelic gem. Rags of all sorts and colors find their way to the paper mills and during the first rough sorting, usually done by women, buttons, pins, books, etc., are removed. After this has been done most of the other processes are performed by mechanical means. The rags are boiled in a strong solution of soda and lime so that the actual dirt and grease can be got rid of and they are then ground and mashed in large vats until they are reduced to pulp of the desired consistency. This pulp is a medley of color as a result of the variegated hues of the rags used, so that the next process is bleaching, after which the pulp is a snowy-white compound. Next the bleaching solution has to be extracted and then the pulp is subjected to further grinding in large beater vats. When ground to the required fineness more water is added and the solution is conveyed to other vats in which it is constantly stirred. From these vats the watery pulp flows in a steady stream through strainers, which catch all lumps, on to a wide endless cloth of wire gauze, stretched upon horizontal rollers which keep moving it along at a steady rate. At the same time a shaking motion is imparted to the gauze and this serves the double purpose of shaking out a lot of the unnecessary moisture and of evenly distributing the particles of pulp so that the finished paper will be of even substance. The width of the paper is regulated by narrow bands of India-rubber, revolving upon two wheels, and resting upon the gauze. These bands technically known as "deckles," prevent the liquid pulp spreading beyond the required limits. These deckles extend only a short way and by the time it has reached the ends of these the pulp has acquired a certain amount of "solidity" and has the appearance of very soft, wet blotting paper. It now passes under a roller which, from a philatelic point of view, performs the most important part of the whole process, for it is this roll which, in machine made paper such as we are now describing, determines the nature of the paper—whether it is laid, wove, quadrillé, etc. In the case of watermarked stamps, too, this roller forms the watermarked devices.

After it has passed under this roller, known in the trade as a "dandy-roll," the paper is still very wet and active steps are now taken to get rid of the superfluous moisture. The pulp, which has reached a stage entitling it to be called paper, leaves the wire cloth and passes on to a roller covered with felt. It passes over, under, and between a succession of similar rollers, and large heated cylinders so that by when it reaches the end of this part of the machine it is quite dry. It is now actual paper but is still as absorbent as blotting paper so that it has to be "sized"—a process which gives it a surface that can be printed or written upon. The size is applied by another roller revolving in a trough of that material. The paper has again to be dried on the hot cylinders and is then ready for the next and final process known as "calendering." This consists of passing the dry paper between smooth, heavy steel rollers which vary in number according to the amount of gloss or polish desired on the paper.

The paper is, thus, manufactured in a practically continuous strip and it is wound upon rolls to the required length. It is no uncommon thing for several miles of paper to be wound on one roll and in printing newspapers by modern methods the paper is used direct from these large rolls. For all other purposes it is cut in the desired sizes by guillotine cutters. As the paper leaves the calendering rolls revolving cutters remove the rough or "deckle" edges.

The above is a brief description of the process employed in the manufacture of machine-made paper, but as some of the earlier stamps were printed on hand-made paper a brief survey of this process is also necessary. The pulp is made in the manner already detailed and when it is ready for conversion into paper a little of the liquid is dipped into a "mould." The mould consists of a frame, a wire cloth, and a deckle. The wire-cloth, as in the case of machine-made paper, determines the nature of the paper, and, when a watermark is desired, small pieces of metal or wire in the shape of the necessary design are sewn on to this cloth. The deckle is an additional frame, which forms a sort of tray on the wire cloth and determines the size of the sheet of finished paper. A little of the liquid pulp is taken on to the mould by dipping it into the vat in such a manner that an even deposit to the height of the deckle is obtained. The workman gives the mould a shake which removes some of the water and connects the fibres of the pulp. The deckle is removed and the partly formed paper is turned on to a piece of damp felt. On top of this another sheet of felt is stacked, then more paper, and so on until a pile of the requisite size is obtained. By means of pressure in a hydraulic press most of the remaining water is ejected, and after being pressed again without the protecting felt the paper is hung up to dry. It is then sized and glazed as in the case of paper made by machinery. In making paper by hand it is obviously impossible to obtain precisely the same thickness in every sheet, consequently stamps printed on hand-made paper frequently vary in thickness.

(*To be continued.*)

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(Clipping from R. E. Jessup.)

WASHINGTON, April 27.—Epistolary oddities, from which a curious set of statistics might be compiled and which a student of psycology might explain after a diligent examination, daily find their way into the office of Postmaster General Hitchcock. They come from all sections of the country and Canada and in all sorts of chirography.

It would be a lonesome day that failed to bring several of them to the postmaster general. Conscience stricken petty delinquents, pilferers of government money, confessors of graver crimes, many of them seeking in old age to atone for the sins committed in youth, women appealing for aid in finding missing husbands and sons, hopeful visionaries planning revolutions, and victims of every variety of swindle seem to look upon the postmaster general as a father confessor, a first aid to the troubled or a court of last resort.

Many of the communications are of a purely mercenary nature, others without apparent purpose or meaning and some are most mysterious. Following are some excerpts selected at random:

"Please find enclosed a few stamps which I used that had been used before and not canceled. I want to live right in sight of God and man, so I return what I used that wasn't mine. —Woman."

The next letter shows that many a guilty soul is turned into paths of righteousness by religious fervor lately acquired:

"It came to my mind that when I was a little boy I put an old two-cent stamp on a letter. Since that time I gave myself up to serve the Lord and live for God. I don't want no two-cent stamp on God's book against me so you will find your stamp here. The Bible says, 'If you steal pay back that you robbed.' So this is on the way. Praise the Lord, Amen."

Sometimes the postmaster general has to consider whether or not he is "compounding a felony" by respecting the confidence of a too frank correspondent. Such letters as the following are not infrequently received.

"I have been leading a wicked life but have recently reformed. I came to Christ here in the gospel mission and am a new man in Christ Jesus. Praise the Lord. When a man becomes a child of God he must make his wrongs right, so that is the reason why I am writing you. When I was a boy, somewhere between 15 and 16 years old, I robbed the postoffice at ———, Ia., think that $6 or $7 would cover the amount that I took. I will pay it back as soon as I get the money. Please be as easy on me as possible. May God bless you.

"P. S.—I am 38 years of age now, so I think it would be twenty-one or two years since I committed the crime."

Recently the postmaster general received a small canvas miniature mail bag, in which was found a silver dollar and a small piece of paper inscribed as follows: "I will call on you for assistance on the fourth instant."

The sender's name and address was given. The department, at loss to fathom the purpose of the missive, asked what disposition should be made of the money. Later a second sack was received by the department officials inclosing a second dollar and a piece of paper which read:

"I received your letter and noticed the watermark on the paper."

MERELY AN INTRODUCTION.

Another reply was then sent to the mysterious correspondent which drew the following explanation:

"By sending the money I want to introduce myself to the postmaster general and his secretary. I expect to do the same in every department in the United States capital, and hope this will be satisfactory."

A request that the postmaster general replace a one-dollar bill, which had been "inadvertently" destroyed by "her little puppy" was recently received from a woman living in Portland, Ore.

An Arkansas woman asked the department to "find a trunk lost in transit. It was wrapped up with two wire and one cord string. Among the contents is two fine dresses worth $7.50 apiece."

A most pathetic appeal reached the department from a grief-crazed mother, soliciting its aid to find her son. Much publicity was given the affair in the press which resulted in the finding of the young man in Detroit, Mich. The mother's appeal follows:

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HOW COMMON STAMPS GROW SCARCE.

By FREEMAN PUTNEY, JR.

If you began to collect stamps a dozen or fifteen years ago, the chances are that in the first approval selection you received, there was a set of Switzerland, 1881, unused. You remember the stamps—the seated figure in the middle with white numerals in the corners.

If you did not receive a set on the first approval sheets you ever had, the chances are ninety-nine to one, that a set was on the second or third lot. Later, you received other approval sheets from the other dealers and there were more sets of these same Swiss stamps. Everybody bought them, from the 2r bistre up to the 1Fr gold.

The reason why these sets were so common was that they could be purchased very cheaply at wholesale by the ten, hundred or thousand sets and that every small dealer increased the demand and utilized the pretty tints of the stamps to brighten up his approval sheets. I do not know how many thousand sets were in the remainders sold by the Swiss government. I do remember disposing of several thousand sets at retail in the ten years previous to 1900, in the conduct of what was only a small stamp business. The short sets could be purchased as low as $20 per thousand. Every other dealer in the country, large and small, had a supply and only the wholesaler who controlled the stamps could say how many were disposed of.

The stamps of this Swiss set are still priced cheaply, at from two to five cents each in the catalogue. Every dealer probably has a few copies of scarce values in stock, but they have nearly disappeared from wholesale lists. A few old stocks still hold a moderate supply of them but, when found occasionally in wholesale price lists, they are quoted no longer by the thousand sets, but by the ten sets. One Swiss dealer probably holds at present a larger supply than anyone else, but he doles them out very sparingly.

In ten years more these pretty little stamps, which were so common a decade ago as to be only a joke, will begin to rise in the catalogue. The 15c lemon is already quite a little scarcer than the other low values. The 1fr gold has already, if memory serves, been boosted a little two or three years ago.

This example has been selected merely to illustrate the remarkable manner in which seemingly inexhaustible supplies of common stamps become used up and disappear. At first thought, postage stamps seem very distinct from those commodities in every day use, which are used up by being worn out or otherwise consumed. They are more likely to be compared to securities which are purchased in the market in good times but in hard times come upon the market when offered by the owners needing cash. This comparison of stamps to securities may be valid in the case of rare stamps, most of which are carefully preserved and eventually in a fair proportion of cases are again offered for sale.

In the case of common stamps, (although this seems a surprising statement to make) a large proportion of them are as actually consumed, as if they were worn out or eaten. Let us explain.

Willie Jones gets the stamp fever, he buys a 25c Album or, maybe, if his father lives on the right side of town, he pays several dollars for the album. He collects vigorously for a year or two, acquiring naturally the more common stamps. Then the fever leaves him, temporarily perhaps, but long enough so that he "swops" his stamp collection for a pair of rabbits.

The boy who gets the collection takes it home, neglects to mow the grass because of his interest in the album and when his father gets home, the old-man, who has no philatelic instincts, throws the album in the kitchen-stove.

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around the house awhile they go into a spring bon-fire.

It maybe of interest to the collectors of today to know some of these formerly cheap stamps of which the wholesale stocks have, to the writer's knowledge, shrunk within recent years to unimportant proportions or else actually disappeared.

The stamps of the United States are purposely omitted, as the growing scarcity of many of these varieties is of sufficient interest to warrant a separate article.

From our above-discussed Switzerland to Mexico is quite a jump, but an interesting and favorite little set which first came on the market in quantity about twenty years ago, is the four varieties, head type, of 1864. This set retailed for a long time for a dime and could be purchased by the hundred for half that amount. Today only scattering wholesale lots can be picked up. The small Porte De Mar is another set which has recently began to grow scarce also. The last I knew, the most important holder of them still had a supply, but it was very limited.

It will be news to many collectors of today, to know that the Guatemala set of 1875, ¼r black to 2r dull red, head of Liberty to left, was at one time easier to obtain at wholesale than it was to sell at retail. This is a rather attractive set and a steady demand for it cleaned up any large wholesale supply a number of years ago. I do not know where to buy one hundred sets in a lot today. The bi-colored set of 1882 with Quintzel in the centre (I suppose some exact gentleman would pick me up if I called that bird a parrot) is still owned in quantities in one or two stocks but is a liberal seller and I predict that the Quintzel will in a few more years become an extinct bird on cheap approval sheets, so far as this particular set goes.

Another little South American set which is dropping out of the market in surprising fashion is that made up of the five low values of the Costa Rica 1889, head type. I say surprising, because this is another set which could have been purchased by the thousand and ten thousand, less than ten years ago. It was another favorite for beginners' albums and there is another example of the stamps which have gone into the kitchen-stove. The 1883 Costa Rica set was not as common nor as cheap, but is becoming much scarcer than it was.

Still keeping to Central America, we have our tiny friends, the Honduras 1865, first issue 2r green and 2r pink. Ten years ago these seemed so inexhaustible that we expected our grandchildren would buy them for two or three cents apiece. Today I understand that the supply at first hands is cleaned out and only scattered lots remain in a few wholesale stocks. Another Costa Rica set which will do much better at wholesale before long is the 1889 type, surcharged "Oficial" in tall letters, while the four varieties overprinted "Guanacaste" have already vanished not only from wholesale stocks but from those of most retailers.

This article seems to have dealt largely with the stamps of Central America although we did start with Switzerland. In some future articles I shall call attention to a number of stamps and sets from other countries, once common and obtainable in many cases at practically nominal prices in packets or sets, but of which the large supplies have disappeared and the stamps have now started on the road to respectable scarcity. This entire process is an encouragement to the beginner who does retain his stamp collection and who is one of the ten or twenty out of every hundred embryo collectors who stick to their albums permanently and form the solid ranks devoted to our fascinating hobby.

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Ceylon.—Our Colombo agent sends us the following interesting information:—

"The new stamps with portrait of King George will not be brought into use till the beginning of October, although some of the small values are expected here in May or June. As postage stamps will be used for revenue purposes as well, a proclamation in the *Gazette* will be necessary, and simultaneously with the introduction of the new stamps, those at present in use will be withdrawn and destroyed. The new stamps are, I understand, to be similar in design to those in use in the Gold Coast."

Chinese Republic.—As foreshadowed in our last issue, the provisional stamps were put on sale on April 1st, and we have received a small supply. All the values of the current Imperial stamps are surcharged vertically with four Chinese characters reading "Chung Hua Min Kuo," meaning "Chinese Republic," in some values the surcharge is in red, on the remainder it is in black. Previous to this printing, a small number received the same overprint in blue, which was considered unsatisfactory, but the stamps were nevertheless issued, and we have seen several used copies. So far as we can ascertain, only the lower values, from ½c to 30c, were surcharged in blue, and most, if not all, of these were sent to Hankow, and quickly sold out. The "Provisional Neutrality" stamps referred to in our March issue as having been withdrawn, have been re-issued with the additional "Chinese Republic" surcharge. The first surcharge is horizontal, and the second is vertical, so that the two overprints are cruciform. We have not as yet been able to obtain a single unused copy of either of these two issues, and we fear there is no chance of our being able to include them in our new issue distribution, though we are doing our best to obtain them. We are officially informed that a permanent set of Chinese Republic stamps is being prepared and will be issued as soon as possible.

Costa Rica.—Various journals have chronicled the following provisionals:—Telegraph stamps surcharged for postage 1c on 50c; 1c on 1 colon; 1c on 5 colons and 1c on 10 colons. Our agent at San Jose informs us that the entire issue of these four varieties were bought by a commission agent of that city, none having been put into circulation. As these stamps have never been issued to the public for postal use they will not be included in our catalogue or albums—*Whitfield King & Co.'s List.*

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NEW CAYMAN ISLANDS STAMPS.

By Harry E. Huber.

The new stamps for the Cayman Islands, bearing the head of King George V, and promised for over a year, have at last been issued. But the surprise is in the form of three new values added to the series, viz., 2d, 2sh, and 3sh. Following is the Post Office Notice issued authorizing their issuance:

Post Office Notice.

Postage and Revenue Stamps (bearing the effigy of His Majesty King George V) of the following denominations, will be on sale at the George Town Post Office at 10 a. m. on April 24th next, viz., ½d, 2d, 2sh, 3sh.

A. Bodden, Postmaster.

April 22, 1912.

I have as yet only seen the two lower values; i. e., ½d green and 2d gray. These come to hand on letter mailed at the George Town Post Office the day of issuance, April 24th. The new stamps are very similar to those of the last issue, King Edward VII, Postage and Revenue type, the only difference being the substitution of King George's head for that of his predecessor. The head faces the left, as did also the former issue. The duty plate for the ½d is the same as that formerly used, while a new one is necessitated for the 2d value. While in the case of the ½d the value appears in colorless figures on a horizontally lined background, the 2d is quite the opposite, the numeral appearing in color on a plain background. The duty plate for the 2d also has the "M" of "CAYMAN" in the type of the higher value stamps; i. e., in the case of the ½d and 1d of the former issue, the middle stroke of the "M" comes all the way down, while in the case of the other values it stops about half way down.

Of the Edward stamps there are still in stock at the George Town Post Office the following values:—1d, 2½d, 3d, 6d, 1sh, 5sh, and 10sh. It is doubtful whether the latter two values will appear in the new George V series, since the 2sh and 3sh stamps will very nicely take their place. Of the 3,000 10sh stamps issued in 1908, there is still on hand a very fair stock. Doubtless other values in the new type will appear as the stock on hand is exhausted.

My correspondent advises me that the 2d stamp used on the envelope was the first taken from the sheet, and consequently, the first King George 2d stamp sold in the Cayman Islands.

A second letter also brings to hand some envelopes which have been used in the local mail. George Town and Bodden Town, in Grand Cayman, have both dated cancelling stamps, while mail coming from the surrounding towns and villages are treated with rubber-stamp cancellations. The three line cancellation reading "RURAL POST—COLLECTION—Grand Cayman" is used by the driver of the mail cart between Bodden Town and George Town. A four line cancellation "EAST END—Grand Cayman—RURAL—Post Collection" is used at the Post Office at East End. This late mail brings to hand a third type, of which I was not formerly aware, reading—"WEST BAY—Grand Cayman—RURAL—Post Collection".

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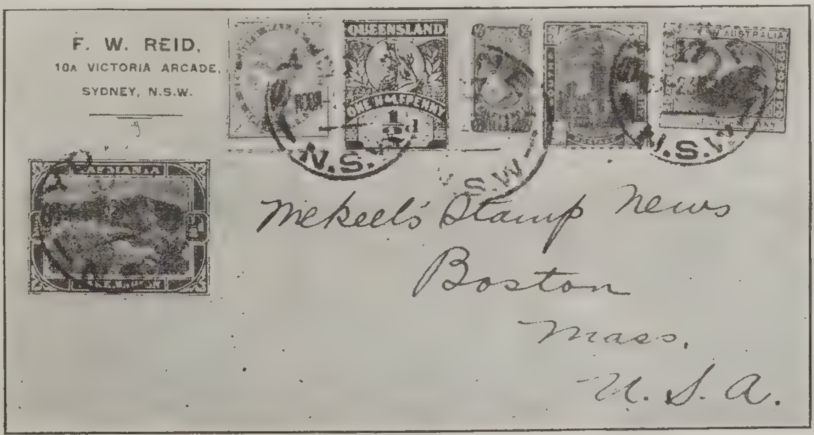
A "single" perforation is when the gauge of the four sides is the same. A "compound" perforation is when two or more gauges are to be seen on the same stamp. It does not necessarily imply that there must be more than two, but when there are more than two gauges, the expression is used say "perf. 10 compound with 11 and 12." If the compound perforation on the stamp only consisted of two gauges, one of which was top and bottom, and the other the same at the sides, the perforation would merely be described 10x11, but in the case of those perforations which differ, the top perforation is always given first, the bottom second, the right of the stamp third, and the left of the stamp fourth. For instance, while 10x11 would mean 10 top and bottom, and 11 at the sides, 10 compound with 11 would signify that while the perforation was 10 at the top it might be 11 at the other three sides, or it might be 10 at the top and two sides, and 11 at the bottom. In some cases, the perforations are given in the following manner: 10x12½x11x11. This signifies that the top perforation is 10, the bottom perforation 12½, and the side perforations 11. In those cases where only two gauges have been used, the horizontal gauge is invariably (or should be) quoted first, and the vertical gauge second.

It is a very difficult matter sometimes to distinguish between "single line" perforations and "comb machine" perforations. The lines of the former are always perfectly straight, and it would be found when examining blocks that the holes had frequently cut into each other at the corners. With single specimens it is at times almost, if not quite, impossible to say whether a stamp has been perforated on a "single line" or a "comb" machine. Occasionally, little "tufts" will be seen at the corners, which show that the short lines of perforations of the comb machines have not gone the full length of the stamp. It may not be generally known that when stamps are perforated on a "single line" machine, all the horizontal or vertical lines are perforated first, then the sheet is turned round and the remaining lines of perforations supplied. The "comb" machines perforate three sides of the stamp at one operation, the second operation supplying the fourth line of perforation of the first row. When the sheet is being pushed forward, if this is done by hand, it may probably shift a little, which causes the lines of perforations to be irregular, and as they are not pushed forward precisely the same distance each time, it will frequently be noticed that there is a little gap between the two lines of one stamp and the beginning of the next, and as a rule the holes do not overlap. The more recently constructed comb machines, which are worked by steam or electric power, do not disclose all the above peculiarities as they run more smoothly, but the best method of distinguishing the difference between the "comb machines" and the "single line" perforations is to notice their appearance at the intersections at the corners in blocks of four or more.

"Mixed" perforations indicate that after a stamp has been perforated all round, one or more lines have been perforated again on another machine. The following is the explanation of this. In some cases it has been discovered that the line of perforations first applied has cut into the design of the stamp, and as this, according to some stamp printers, is a terrible crime, they adopt the practice of pasting a piece of paper over the holes and perforating the stamp again on the white line between the two rows, most likely on another machine. This has been more apparent on New Zealand stamps. Mixed perfs. of N. Z. stamps issued within the last 10 or 12 years indicate a compound of the 14 and 11, with two different perforations showing on the same side of the stamp.

A "variety," so far as stamps are concerned, is a deviation from what is customary. It generally happens when the stamps are being perforated, that a few sheets are spoilt, and in order to make up the requisite number, some extra sheets have to be perforated. It may not be convenient to put these through the same machine or machines as the others, in which case another gauge may be used, and as these are generally few in proportion to the bulk lot, they are said to be a "variety." In some cases an entire issue may be perforated on some one or two machines, and a subsequent issue may be perforated on other machines. These might also be termed "varieties," but not in the same strict sense as those above referred to.—*Aust. Stamp Journal.*



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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

EDITORIAL.

An Order—The following amendment has been made to Paragraph 2, Section 566, Postal Laws and Regulations: "The wilful impression on any mail matter of a postmark bearing any other date than that on which such matter is despatched or of a backstamp bearing a date other than that on which the mail is received at the post office backstamping it, or the erasure of any date of a postmark or a backstamp, whether for purpose of fraud or deception or to conceal a delay or retention of mail matter or any other official error or delinquency, will in all cases subject the offender to dismissal from the service." Some time ago, there was a fraud perpetrated with the connivance of a postal clerk, through the distribution of racing tips in envelopes that were postmarked much earlier than properly, they should have been. About the only effect on philately that the order, if obeyed, will have is the discontinuance of the occasional instance of postmarking stamps such as the Confederate, twenty-cent green and two-cent red, with dates in the sixties, by modern instruments in which the dates were transposed. The fraud is in the attempt to palm off what should be an unused specimen at the much higher price of the used stamp.

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Off—In a newspaper, just at hand, under the head of "Misleading Postal Information," we read the criticism of a correspondent as follows: "The United States postoffice provides for our convenience little books of postage stamps in various denominations and sizes. All, even the most recent, purchased by this writer print (inside the back cover) incorrect foreign postage rates. Letters and sealed matter require, we are told, '5 cents for the first ounce, etc.'; whereas, for a long time past the rate to England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales and on certain letters and sealed matter to Germany has been and is but 2 cents for the first ounce." A criticism of this kind is a careless one and unfair. On the inside back cover of the "most recent" booklets of both one and two cents, on the very page on which the quotation: "5 cents for the first ounce" etc., appears is the sentence in the last paragraph: "The domestic rate for letters but not for other articles applies also to Germany, Great Britain and Ireland and Newfoundland." Again on the inside page of the front cover under Domestic Rates, the same information is given. It took much ingenuity to skip these staring statements.

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Favored—At a recent meeting of the Royal Philatelic Society, London, the business of the evening was the display "by Fellows of one or more values or an entire issue of any country." It is some satisfaction to record the fact that the President of the society, the Earl of Crawford, chose the five and ten-cent, U. S. 1847, for the place of honor, and that his representation was called a most interesting and complete exhibition, which included the proofs from the original die in the smaller and enlarged sizes, proofs in color and pairs and blocks of the regular stamps. Of the reprints or "government counterfeits" there were many proofs and there were "among others, two complete panes from the plate of the reprinted stamps." The retention by Lord Crawford of his collections of Great Britain and of the United States is something in the nature of a compliment to the stamps of our country; and naturally, Lord Crawford's illumining studies of our issues are received with much approbation by collectors here.

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Seals—A reader says that he has been greatly interested in the references that have been made to the seal of the post-office department, in recent numbers. He calls attention to the fact that the "imprint" of the department as it appears on the stamp booklets, for instance, shows the horseman to the right. He assumes that on the trademark, the "charge" is faced according to the heraldic custom, or to the right, after the irregularity of placing it to the left on the seal which was adopted in 1837 had been corrected.

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Queries—Here are three questions that will have to be "referred" in the hope that the information desired will be forthcoming. "What will be the numbers of first *new plates* of U. S., 3c (No. 340), 4c (No. 341), 5c (No. 342), 6c (No. 343) to be made after the new plates for 1c, 2c, 8c, 10c, 15c, 50c and $1 new 1912 issue?" "Has the watermark been changed on the sixth issue, playing card, 2c, ultramarine?" "Will types I and II of the new single-lined letter watermark be catalogued?" In explaining his first question, our correspondent brings out an interesting situation: "I want to be on the lookout for a plate number block of the 3c, 4c, 5c and 6c, with *higher* plate number than the new 1912-1c, 2c, 8c, 10c, 15c, 50c and $1, *first issued*, and include these with the new set in my album."

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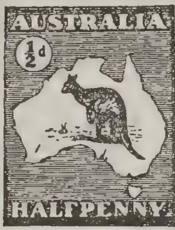

The new design for the first Commonwealth stamp has been made public by Postmaster General Frazer and we are indebted to D. B. Beattie and F. W. Reid for clippings showing the design. Our cut is reduced from a newspaper design and is evidently lacking in some of the details that the stamp itself will possess.

The design is exceedingly simple. It consists of a dark background, with the Continent of Australia outlined as a white blank. In the centre of this open space is a kangaroo. Across the top of the stamp is the word "Australia," while at the bottom is the denomination—halfpenny, penny, etc. The denomination is also shown in figures in a small circle.

Some months ago a board was appointed to select designs and the prize money was paid over. None of the prize designs, however, were approved and the then Postmaster General exercised the power given under the conditions of the contests to select another design. The final choice fell to the lot of Mr. Frazer, who apparently has made up the new design from suggestions of the various competitors.

The Commonwealth Cabinet has approved the design and arrangements are now being made to print a sufficient supply for general use throughout Australia. All state stamp distinctions will disappear in the appearance of the new set, of which further values may shortly be expected.

"STAMPS HARD TO GET."

Catalog Value $2.00 and Under.

A correspondent suggests that an article dealing with hard-to-get stamps would be appreciated by our readers. We invite contributions to a symposium, suggesting that it be confined to stamps that catalog $2.00 and under. We shall hope to have a sufficient number of entries to make a worthy contribution to our columns.

(*Contributed by W. I. Mitchell, M. D.*)

The articles published have interested me very much, as many of those listed already as "hard to get" have been on my "want list," but there are several others that I have not seen listed so far, that have been very elusive. Take Uruguay No. 148; it was on my want list three years and I only succeeded in getting a copy last December in a dealer's stock in Chicago and was glad to get it at full catalog.

Queensland No. 107 gave me lots of trouble as I had no less than six copies of No. 103 sent me as No. 107 before I secured it. Nos. 98 and 100 will also give plenty of hunting to secure.

Grenada No. 47 and Natal No. 77 also seem to be in the "just out of" class. Everyone seems to have trouble in getting Belgium No. 5 and No. 508, and both of these are much underpriced. Bolivia Nos. 55 to 59 seem to be unobtainable. Cuba Nos. 39 to 45, Prussia No. 10, Siam No. 24 are all hard to get. Siam No. 25, catalogued three times the price of No. 24 seems to be much more common.

French Colonies Nos. 9 and 10 are hard to get, most copies sent out being France Nos. 41 and 43.

All Portuguese Colonials high values of the '95 to '99 issues seem to be scarce. While above the two dollar limit, Austria No. 8 has been on my list of wants for several years, and I'd gladly give full catalogue for a fine used copy.

(*Contributed by Herbert Armstrong.*)

I notice some replies in regard to hard-to-get stamps cat. $2.00 or less. I haven't seen many really tough ones on the list so far. I have been working in the American, English, French and German markets for the last fifteen years and while some things are hard to get here they are easy in either Paris, Berlin, Hamburg, Antwerp or London. I don't know much about used stamps but here are a few unused that are really hard to get no matter where you go:—Belgium 204; Colombian Rep. 149, 454; Cundinamarca 18, 102; Costa Rica 220; Diego Suarez 1, 2, 3 and 4; Ecuador 76, 601; Fernando Po 64g; French Zanzibar 1706, 1707; Guatemala 74; Bamra 11, 19; Poonch 7 on yellow, not orange, 20; Italy 855; Luxemburg 133; Mozambique 46, 47; Netherlands 10, 11; New Caledonia 309; Nicaragua 216; North Borneo 311; Obock 202; Persia 55, 65; (I would like to include Peru 309 but it catalogues $2.50. It "got my goat") Portuguese India 98, 102; Salvador 211, 212, 251, 260, 261, 263, 264, 265, 279, 316, 323, 701, 702, 703; Sungei Ujong 27; Switzerland 207, 208; Turkey 128, 129, 130, 131, 301, 315, 316, 317, 318, 324, 329; Venezuela 36, 45, 72.

WARNING ON 1c POSTAL SAVINGS.

By MISS AMY L. SWIFT.

May I suggest that a warning note in regard to the supposed scarcity of the one-cent postal savings stamp might be of benefit to those who buy in haste and repent at leisure? They may never be very common, especially if superceded by the 1c envelope, but surely enough were issued to go around without making necessary a price of $1.00 apiece. We know each postal savings bank so far established was sent at least one sheet of 100, and while I do not know how many such banks there are, published statements have given the number as 9,000 up to 30,000. Taking the honest estimate, 9,000, would mean the issue of 9,000 sheets of 100, or 900,000 stamps, exclusive of those held at Washington, or duplicate sheets sent to larger users. Possibly some of these may be recalled and destroyed, but it is not likely, and while many will doubtless not be saved after use the majority certainly will be, thanks to the publicity given the matter of their value, therefore it seems to me only a matter of time until enough will come on the market to make them available to collectors at a nominal price. Those who bought Canadian ½c Jubilee at $1.50 each, only to see them drop later to less than a tenth of that sum, will be apt to remember that history repeats itself, but there are beginners since then who may not know about that peculiarity of history.

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By LOUIS G. BARRETT.

Marcus W. White has submitted some envelopes of the current series, all 2c size 13, die E, which show marked differences in the "cut" of the gummed flap on the so-called new knife. The normal flap for this knife has a rounded point, while on others, just noticed, the flap comes to a sharp point. Also there seems to be an intermediate stage, not quite so rounded as the normal type. The two extremes, however, are plainly distinguished. Of the white envelopes submitted, all show the USPOD 1911 wmk., but a similar one in blue with *pointed flap*, is the USSE 1911 paper. According to Mr. White, he has in his collection, or has seen, the following:—

Die E, 2 cent Envelope,
Wmk. USPOD 1911;
Size 13 on white
  New knife, rounded flap.
  " " pointed "
Size 13 on blue
  New knife, pointed flap.
Size 13 on buff
  New knife, pointed flap.

These last two items, Size 13 on the second quality papers, blue and buff with the USPOD 1911 wmk., are hard to account for, as it was understood that none of these papers had been made bearing that watermark. It has been reported from other quarters, however, so we are awaiting an explanation from official sources.

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After an absence from our columns of some months A. Yaremdji of Constantinople is again advertising with us, but his offers this week do not fairly represent the fine stock of stamps that he is known to carry. Moreover, Mr. Yaremdji's wholesale relations with American dealers have been known as very satisfactory and both branches of American philately, collector and dealer, will do well to establish trade acquaintanceships with him.

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CHRONICLE OF NEW ISSUES AND VARIETIES

Edited by HENRY A. KIDDER.

Any information regarding new issues will be gratefully received and acknowledged. Address HENRY A. KIDDER, 17 Addison St., Arlington, Mass. Letters calling for a reply should contain a self-addressed, stamped envelope. We cannot give applicants the addresses of our correspondents. Correspondence regarding precancelled stamps must be sent to FRANK B. ELDREDGE, Attleboro, Mass., when due credit will be given in this department.

AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH.—Miss Amy L. Swift sends us a clipping from Tasmania, mailed early in April, which gives some interesting information regarding a Federal issue of stamps. According to the clipping the Federal Cabinet has approved the new design for the first uniform stamp of the Australian Commonwealth. The design consists of a dark background with the continent of Australia outlined as a white blank. In the centre of this blank is a kangaroo. Across the top of the stamp is the word "Australia," while at the bottom is the denomination. The denomination is again shown in figures in a small circle. Arrangements will shortly be made to print the new stamp for general use throughout Australia. All the state stamp distinctions will then disappear.

CANADA.—William T. Wakeford sends us the 1c King George stamp, precancelled "Montreal—Quebec" in two lines of type, with two rules between, the whole being inverted.

CAPE VERDE.—The New England Stamp Co. has shown us the full set of King Manuel stamps, surcharged "Republica," recently issued for this Colony. The design, which is distinctive for this Colony is the most effective of any of the King Manuel issues. The head of the King is shown in a large circle, with wreaths of laurel at the sides. A straight tablet about one-half the width of the stamp appears at the top, with "Cabo Verde" in colorless letters. "Portugal Correio" in very small letters appears in a tablet conforming to the portrait circle. At the bottom, the value appears in a tablet thus "400 Reis 400," the figures being colored letters and "Reis" in colorless letters. The tablet containing the values is cut away in the centre to allow the circle to be completed. It is altogether likely that these stamps will not be obtainable without the surcharge. Therefore we chronicle the colors, the surcharge being in carmine on all except the 20r, which is overprinted in green. Whitfield King & Co. have also shown us the 2½r of this set.

Adhesives.

2½r lilac.
5r black.
10r olive green.
20r carmine.
25r violet brown.
50r dark blue.
75r bistre brown.
100r brown on green.
200r black on salmon.
300r black on blue.
400r black and blue.
500r olive and brown.

CAYMAN ISLANDS.—We are indebted to the New England Stamp Co. and A. C. Roessler for specimens of the King George stamps, which were placed on sale in the Islands, April 23, or earlier. Mr. Roessler notes that the name plate has the short middle leg of "M" in "Cayman" on the 2d, 2sh and 3sh, while the ½d has the long leg. The 2d value, now issued for the first time, has the name plate badly spaced. On some stamps it almost touches the upper frame, while on others it is centered to the right. This does not appear on the other values.

Adhesives.

½d green.
2d gray.
2sh purple and blue on blue.
3sh green and violet.

CHINA.—Whitfield King report having seen the stamps surcharged with four Chinese characters, with the overprint in blue, instead of black or red. The firm's correspondent writes that a small lot were first printed of denominations from ½c to 30c only, and were duly issued, but the colour not being deemed satisfactory the rest of the issue was overprinted in red and in black. The stamps overprinted "Provisional Neutrality" in one horizontal line, and recently withdrawn, have also been overprinted with the new vertical surcharge in order that the stock may be used up.

C. A. Howes has translated for us the four words of the surcharge—"Chung Hua Min Kuo"—which literally mean "Middle Flowery People's State." Speaking broadly, this means "Chinese Republic," China having long been known as the "Middle Flowery Kingdom."

EAST AFRICA AND UGANDA.—W. H. Peckitt has shown us the 3c on ordinary paper in deep blue green.

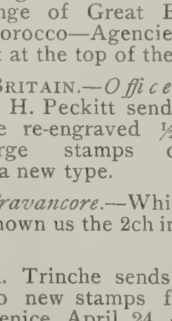
FRENCH COLONIES.—As noted some time since, several of the African Colonies of the French Republic are to have new sets of stamps in the near future. A clipping sent us by W. A. Kain, says that designs of M. de Neziere for the stamps of Dahomey and Senegal have been accepted and the engravers have already started to work on the corners, but the completed dies are scarcely expected to be ready much before the end of the year. The artist has followed the modern taste for symbolical figures illustrative of the country, and for Dahomey the stamp will show a native climbing a palm tree to harvest the oil from the nuts. In the four corners will be represented fantastic animals adored as gods or fetishes by the "medicine men" of the negroes, and the whole will be a picturesque little miniature souvenir of the African possession. The Senegal stamp will give a sketch of the cotton market in an African village, with many native figures introduced. Though nothing has yet been said about it, there is every probability that the French protectorate over Morocco will also produce a new series of stamps as soon as a regular postal service has been organized.

GIBRALTAR.—*Morocco Agencies.*—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us the 4d orange of Great Britain surcharged "Morocco—Agencies," in two lines in black at the top of the stamp.

GREAT BRITAIN.—*Offices in the Levant.*—W. H. Peckitt sends us specimens of the re-engraved ½d and 1d King George stamps overprinted "Levant" in a new type.

INDIA.—*Travancore.*—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us the 2ch in a brilliant orange red.

ITALY.—A. Trinche sends us specimens of two new stamps from Italy, issued in Venice April 24, on the occasion of the inauguration of the new Campanile. The stamps were in use only two days, and were good for interior postage only. The design is the same for both stamps, and shows a tall rectangle, 21x37½ mm. The tall figure of the Campanile dominates the picture, which fills nearly all the frame, and is seen across the domes and spires of St. Mark's, with the other domes and roofs of the city forming a background. "Poste Italiane" runs across the top in colored letters on a white ground, "Centesimi 5" is arranged at the bottom in a similar way, except that the left end of the tablet containing the value is covered by the shield of Italy, surmounted by a crown. In small colorless letters, "Venezia—MCMII—MCMXII" appears at the left of the upper part of the Campanile, while "Come Era—Dove Era" appears at the right. Both values are printed on white, unwatermarked paper and perforated 14x13½.



Adhesives.

5c slate blue.
15c deep brown.

14	**Malay States** 1901, 1c grn. & bl.	.25	**.12**
15	1901, 3c brown & black	.04	**.03**
16	" 4c carmine & black	.06	**.04**
17	" 5c carmine & yellow	.10	**.06**
18	" 8c ultra. & black........	.12	**.10**
19	" 10c violet & black.......	.18	**.12**
20	" 20c black & violet.......	.50	**.25**

Chas. S. Osgood. (All unused) **Salem, Mass.**

		Cat.	Mine
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NICARAGUA.—Hermann Focke writes: "In No. 1109 you reported on my authority a 50 centavos Official stamp of Nicaragua, surcharged on the 1c R. R. stamp red, with black surcharge of 'Timbre Fiscal—Vale 10 ctvs.' on face and 'Correo Vale 15cts. 1911' on reverse, however with bar obliterating the 15cts of this latter surcharge. By last mail I received the identical stamp, but with surcharge of 15cts for official postage, and may be there are others, though I have not seen them.

"On this instance I would mention, that the first provisional set of postage stamps for official use, surcharged on the above stamp, but without surcharge on back, has never been recorded, and as I have just come into possession of these very rare stamps, I am pleased to report them as follows: Surcharge: 'Correo oficial—Vale—10 cts.—1911' in four lines in black on 1c R. R. stamp red, with vertical surcharge 'Timbre Fiscal—Vale 10 cts.' also in black. The values thus surcharged are: 10c, 15c, 20c, 50c, $1 and $2."

PORTUGUESE INDIA.—H. Cormack sends us used specimens of the 2 reals stamps of Portuguese Congo, perforated vertically, with each half surcharged "1—Real." The specimens submitted by Mr. Cormack are unsevered, one being surcharged "Republica" and the other without surcharge.

ST. HELENA.—W. H. Peckitt sends us the re-issued 4d and 6d stamps on chalky paper. The first seen were on ordinary paper.

SPANISH GUINEA.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us the new set for this Colony. The new design was fully described in No. 1102.

TASMANIA.—Miss Amy L. Swift writes further regarding the new 6d stamp:

"I shall be interested to notice whether there is anything more re the Tasmania 6d pictorial. Those I showed you seem to me unmistakable lithographs, and a search through my duplicates shows nothing I could call re-engraved. I have been watching for something in that line since your first notice, but have about decided the description was an error, and that the stamp meant was the one I consider lithographed."

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NEW COLONIAL KEY-PLATES.

By Fred J. Melville.

Jamaica's new threepence stamp, purple on yellow paper, is the first of the Colonial stamps to come to hand printed from the general key-plate showing the head of King George V to left on an oval medallion with pearled border. The frame-design is printed from the overprint or duty-plate known as the Nyasaland type, which, it will be remembered, was also used for the 2d grey stamp of Jamaica, issued last year with the portrait of King Edward. The key-plate in this Nyasaland type only bears the head of the King, the border with the denominating numerals being printed from the duty-plate at a separate operation.

The *Colonial Office Journal* illustrates the several kinds of key-plates to be used on the new Colonial stamps printed by Messrs. De La Rue and Co. (Limited) for the Crown Agents for the Colonies. The old and rather monotonous De La Rue design, which has had considerable vogue since 1888, has been adapted to new key-plates with the King George head. These are being used for the issues for the Cayman Islands, Fiji, Gilbert and Ellice Islands Protectorate, Mauritius, and Seychelles. The new Nyasaland stamps will resemble their predecessors save for the portrait, the frame designs, which were only introduced in 1908, being retained.

An entirely new style of key-plate in three varieties has been prepared, and these are illustrated as the "proposed 1912 issue." They have been constructed owing to a demand for an improved design which can be used with a cheaper class of duty-plate. On this the whole of the stamp-design is incorporated in the key-plate, leaving only two blank spaces at the top and a blank label across the bottom to be printed in by an inexpensive duty-plate bearing the figures of value and the names of the Colony or Protectorate. The specimens shown in the *Colonial Office Journal* are labelled "British East Africa."

The key-plate system is an economical one, inasmuch as a good part of the cost of producing a set of stamps for a small issue would ordinarily consist in the preparing of the designs and the plates from which to print them. By this method, however, a common design is reproduced on a plate (the key-plate) which is open to any Colony to use. The Colony has only to pay the cost of making the duty or "overprint" plates which print in the value and the name of the Colony, and also the cost of the actual paper, printing, and perforating. The key-plates are under the control of the Crown Agents; the duty-plates are the property of the Colony for which they are made, and they are capable of lasting a considerable time, besides being equally serviceable if it were decided at any time to alter the portrait of the Sovereign. It should be mentioned that both the old and the new De La Rue key-plates are in three varieties, for use respectively for "postage," "Revenue," or "postage and Revenue" stamps.

The practice which has extended considerably during recent years, of using the common key-plates has tended to monotony in the stamp-album, where our modern Colonial issues all look so much alike. But the *Colonial Office Journal* makes the novel suggestion that any Colony might adopt all four key-plate designs for one issue of stamps by purchasing some duty-plates for each type of key-plate. Thus the ½d to 2½d stamps could be in the new 1912 design, the next three values in the small Nyasaland type, the next three in the old De La Rue type, and the highest values in the large Nyasaland type. This proposal is so excellent and practical that it would be well worth adopting by those Colonies which are not already committed to a single key-plate. The practical value of the scheme lies chiefly in the additional facility it would give in distinguishing the different denominations of stamps in postal use, a desideratum in view of the monotonous similarity of a set of stamps all printed from one key-plate, and the very limited range of colours possible under the fugitive ink requirements of the present day.—*London Times.*

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Boston, Mass., May 18, 1912.

The 270th (regular) meeting of the Society will be held at the Club Room on Tuesday evening, May 21st, at 7.30 o'clock.

The applications of Messrs. Wm. C. Polk and Ernest W. Gilson will come up for action.

The Entertainment, as already announced, will be a competitive exhibition of 50 rarest stamps, cataloguing not over 50 cents each. Two prizes will be given, first: two 90c entire U. S. envelopes, and second: four 30c entire U. S. envelopes.

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C. A. Howes, Sec.

NEWS GLEANINGS.

Under this heading we desire to publish all the news from the various philatelic centers. Correspondents' names will be given unless prohibited as we desire to give full credit for services rendered.

—The Swiss Chamber of Commerce has taken the initiative with respect to world-wide penny postage, which it will advocate at the International Congress of Chambers of Commerce to be held at Boston beginning September 24 next.

– June 7-8 the Philadelphia Stamp Co. will sell the general collection of Dr. D. M. Easter, Greensburg, Pa., consisting of a fine lot of 19th and 20th century stamps. While no great rarities are listed the lots described show a fine range of stamps of interest to the general collector.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from F. W. Lynes (5), D. B. Beattie, Hugo Kuenstler (8).

—The Co-operative Exchange has issued a wholesale list, single stamps and sets being offered by tens and hundreds. This list will be of special value to the smaller dealer.

—Herbert Armstrong writes us that he received some years ago a lot of used stamps, among which was a specimen of the 200r Cape Verde crown type in the exact color of the 100r. This stamp should ordinarily be orange but Mr. Armstrong informs us that this particular stamp is a fine shade of violet. The circumstances under which he discovered this stamp leads him to inquire whether it is possible to consider it a changeling.

—The Board of Directors of the M. P. A. have decided to submit the amalgamation question to the Convention at Harrisburg, Pa., Aug. 15-16-17, instead of calling a mail vote. The fight will accordingly be waged with proxies, and the Convention sessions will doubtless be very interesting. It is hoped that the S. P. A. Convention will meet in Harrisburg in conjunction with the M. P. A., so that satisfactory results will be arrived at, without the delay and uncertainty which would be occasioned by the two Conventions sitting in different places, at different times. The Capital City Collectors Club, Harrisburg Branch of M. P. A., extends a cordial invitation to the S. P. A. to meet in the "Convention City," with the M. P. A.

OF INTEREST TO COIN COLLECTORS.

By Frederic B. Wright.

The article appearing in the issue of April 27th, in reference to the payment of $3,500 for a gold Half Eagle of the mintage of 1815 and the statement that there are only three others in existence, prompted my calling at the Connecticut State Library where Librarian George S. Godard showed me a mint copy of same in the collection of the late Joseph H. Mitchelson, now owned by the State, likewise a perfect copy of the silver dollar of 1804, both of which have been passed upon and pronounced genuine by Mr. T. L. Comparette, Director of the Philadelphia Mint.

Another specimen in this valuable collection, doubtless equally rare is a proof of a Double Eagle by St. Gaudens with the so-called "wire edge," of which only three were coined. This is a remarkable example of the artist's work, the Bas-relief of the obverse being very strong in its outline and graceful in the poise of the figure.

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(Clipping from Hugo Kuenstler.)

From Governor's Island to the post office building in Washington a bag of mail will be carried by aeroplane May 22 next as an experiment preliminary to introducing flying machines as mail carriers in the postal department. The order authorizing that innovation was signed yesterday by Frank H. Hitchcock, Postmaster General, who informed Edward M. Morgan, postmaster in New York, to prepare for the new project.

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WITH THE BOY PHILATELIST.

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We propose to insert upon this page matter that will be of interest to the boy collector. Some two thousand boys are now on our mailing list and it is our desire to come closely in contact with them in such a manner as will be most helpful. Any information desired will be cheerfully rendered through these columns. Do not submit stamps for examination.

THE BEGINNERS GUIDE.

PAPER (*Continued.*)

Speaking generally the knack of distinguishing the various sorts of paper most frequently met with in connection with postage stamps is easily acquired. In the majority of cases once the collector understands the characteristics of laid, wove, pelure, etc., no difficulty arises in the correct classification of paper varieties. There are exceptions, of course, and it is unfortunate, but none the less true, that the two varieties that first attract the beginner's attention,—the "hard" and "soft" papers of the U. S. A. issues of 1873-79—are the ones that present the most serious obstacles. In the following list of paper varieties I have named some stamp or stamps printed on each of the different sorts described. If the beginner will read the explanatory notes carefully and then compare them with the stamps mentioned I am confident that he will find the task of identifying the various kinds of paper is by no means difficult or uninteresting.

Wove.—This is the ordinary paper of commerce and the sort upon which the vast majority of stamps are printed. In making wove paper the "dandy-roll" is covered with a fine wire gauze similar to the bed upon which the pulp was distributed in the first stage of its manufacture. It varies greatly in substance and quality but its general characteristics are the same—it is a plain paper showing no watermarked lines other than the lines of the device of crown, letters, star, etc., intended to be shown. The coarser sorts appear to be watermarked with innumerable tiny dots. The WEEKLY is printed on wove paper and as examples the current stamps of the United States will serve.

Laid.—In manufacturing this paper the "dandy roll" is covered with longitudinal wires separated by a space equal to the width of one of the wires. These are held in position by small wire rings placed at regular intervals and in the finished article the paper appears to be watermarked with parallel lines. When the watermarked lines run from top to bottom of the stamps the paper is called vertically laid, and when the lines run across the stamp the paper is known as horizontally-laid. If the lines run in a slanting direction then the paper is diagonally-laid. Practically all the stamps of Russia issued betwen 1868 and 1905 are on laid paper.

Batonné.—This is wove or laid paper with watermarked lines showing at regular intervals, these being caused by the presence of cross wires on the "dandy roll." In the case of *wove-batonné* the paper between the watermarked lines is plain, while in the case of *laid-batonné* the spaces between the ruled lines are laid. Neither variety is commonly met with in the case of adhesive postage stamps though the current 1c and 2c U. S. envelopes furnish ready examples of laid-batonné paper.

Quadrille.—This paper appears to be watermarked with small squares or rectangles and this effect is produced by the "dandy-roll" being covered with a regular net-work of crossed wires. Any of the large picture stamps of Djibouti or Obock will serve as examples.

Porous.—The soft, porous paper which distinguishes certain United States stamps printed by the American Bank Note Company from similar stamps printed by the Continental Bank Note Company is a wove paper but owing to the fact that the mesh on the "dandy-roll" was somewhat coarse the paper appears to be watermarked with numerous tiny dots. The 5c Garfield stamp of 1882 is a common variety which only exists on the soft porous paper.

Hard.—The hard paper distinguishing the printings of the Continental Bank Note Co. is also wove but owing to the fineness of the mesh on the "dandy-roll" the paper has a perfectly smooth unwatermarked appearance. The 2c Treasury, which only exists on hard paper is a common stamp that may be used as an example. If this variety and the 5c Garfield are held together before a strong light and the differences are carefully noted the beginner should after a little practise be able to pick out the hard and soft varieties with comparative ease.

Dickinson or silk-thread.—This is paper having one or more continuous silk threads embedded in its substance. It is so-called from its inventor, John Dickinson, who made a machine by means of which the threads were incorporated in the paper while in the pulp stage. The 5r, 10r, and 15r stamps of the 1855-62 issues of Switzerland are common examples of silk-thread paper.

Silk.—This is paper having short pieces of colored silk thread embedded in its substance. Many of the United States revenue stamps were printed on silk paper and patches of these threads can be plainly seen on all the paper currency of this country.

Granite.—This is a similar paper but with the silk fibres so minute that they are difficult to distinguish without the aid of a magnifying glass. The Austrian stamps of 1890-1902 and most of the Swiss stamps since 1881 are on granite paper.

Pelure.—This is a very thin hard, wove paper, very tough though almost transparent. It has not been very extensively used for stamps and at the moment I can recall no very common stamp printed on this paper to serve as an illustration. There was a printing of the 2c Dominican Republic of 1880 on pelure paper and this variety, catalogued 60c, is probably the cheapest the beginner can obtain for illustration.

Manilla.—A light brown tough paper, sometimes with rather rough surface, frequently used for stamped wrappers. It derives its name from the fact that the pulp is made from Manilla fibre.

Colored.—This is paper into which coloring matter has been mixed with the pulp so that we get red, green, blue, etc. papers.

Surface-colored.—This is paper colored on the surface only. This tinting is not obtained during the process of manufacture but is printed on the paper before the stamps themselves are printed. The Guatemala stamps of 1897 were printed on surface-colored paper.

Blued.—This is paper which has not been intentionally colored but has turned more or less blue, sometimes all over and sometimes only in patches. The blueness is the result of the chemical action of certain ingredients in the printing ink on the paper. Almost any of the common line-engraved stamps of Great Britain will serve for illustration.

Safety.—A highly glazed bluish paper used for the 4d stamps of Great Britain issued in 1855, and for several of the revenue stamps of that country. The blue tint was caused by adding prussiate of potash to the pulp and the paper was so sensitive that any attempt at removing the cancellations resulted in the removal of the design as well.

Chalk-Surfaced.—This is also a highly glazed sensitive paper which has been extensively used of recent years in the manufacture of British Colonial stamps. The "surface" is obtained by the application of a certain solution to the paper after it has been made and not during the process of manufacture. As a rule it has a much more polished surface than ordinary paper and is thicker to feel. A silver coin drawn lightly across a corner of the stamp (or, better still, on the margin if possible) will make a mark like that made with a lead pencil if the paper is the chalk-surfaced variety. The mark can be removed by carefully applying a very slightly dampened piece of clean white rag.

Native.—Some of the early stamps of Japan and some of the issues of the Indian States were printed on what is known as native paper. This is paper made from rice fibre. As a rule it is very thin and soft and often has a silky feel. There are laid and wove varieties of native paper.

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Three of the five postal clerks aboard the Titanic were in the employ of the United States postal service. They were:—J. S. March, of Newark, N. J.; O. S. Woodie, of Washington and W. L. Gwyn, of Brooklyn. The other clerks were employed by the English mail service.

Many valuable papers of all kinds went down with the ship, among them being the manifest of the North German Lloyd liner Haverford. On that manifest was the passenger list of the ship, details concerning her cargo and much other information. O. G. Hempstead, agent for the North German Lloyd in this city, said it is customary for ships coming to this and other ports to send by the faster ships their manifests, so that the agents may know in advance what to expect. A duplicate manifest has been cabled from Bremen.

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STAMPS THAT DISAPPEAR.

By FREEMAN PUTNEY, JR.

In our last article we noticed a number of sets, particularly, among the Central Americans, which although rated so common as to be almost in the rubbish list a few years ago, have in recent times begun to disappear from the wholesale market.

Skipping for a moment from sets to single stamps, there are two varieties which twenty years ago were found in quantities in every boy's package of 1,000 mixed stamps for 25c. These are the 1p red-brown of Great Britain 1841 imperforate and the Germany 1875 10pf rose with the value spelled "pfennige." Neither of these stamps is likely to be scarce for many years yet, but both of them have disappeared long since from the purely "continental" class. Another stamp which used to be considered only good enough for cheap packets is the 1sh green, Queen's head, Great Britain of 1887. This stamp is now catalogued at 6c.

There must have been millions of the first two stamps, above named, in visible supply and tens of thousands of the third. Their disappearance is a remarkable illustration of the capacity of the beginner's trade to absorb the issues of popular countries.

Other stamps which used to be in the "continental" class but are no longer found in cheap mixtures, having risen to the dignity of being quoted singly in wholesale lists, are the 20l rose of Greece, large head, and the 25c dark red "Peace and Commerce" type of France. This last was never as common as some of the other values, but used to be purely a packet stamp.

Several other values of the same old French type, such as the 3c gray, 4c claret and 25c yellow no longer occur in continental mixtures but are still quoted separately at wholesale and can be had at prices which hardly raise them above the continental level when the expense of sorting and soaking is figured in. From a dozen to twenty years have elapsed since some of these became obsolete but I imagine that most of the Paris dealers laid in large stocks of them, which accounts for their continued low price.

While on this "Peace and Commerce" set it is worth remarking that the 3c yellow, 75c deep violet and 5fr violet are really "hard-to-get" stamps in fine condition. The same remarks also apply to most of the values of the "type I" set.

"Despise not, the day of the common stamp" is an injunction which might well be incorporated into the collector's book of proverbs. It is well illustrated in the 15c value of Italy 1863, head to left. This little stamp was at one time one of the cheapest unused stamps on the market and could be had for a ridiculously low price by the hundred. Today it catalogues 3c and few wholesale dealers have it.

Other Italians which were in the "continental" class only a few years ago but have since graduated, are most values of the issues from 1862 to 1879. The postage-due stamps have always been good sellers but until recently have always been in plentiful supply as well. Within the last two or three years wholesale stocks of them have been thinning out and quotations are rising. The same remarks apply to the officials from 2c to 1 lira.

If anybody had predicted twenty years ago that the 1p blue, the 1p carmine and 2p rose and 2p gray of Jamaica, would ever be quoted at more than a cent the boys in his neighborhood would have overwhelmed him with offerings. Next to the common Canadians these varieties were about the commonest British Colonials to be found on correspondence in this country. They now list from 4c to 10c each and are really good stock.

Some other British Colonials which used to be too common for consideration are the 1 penny red and 2 penny blue of New South Wales, Scotts' type A-17 and A-18. These are still quoted at a cent each with the common watermark, but have run up to as high as 50c and $1 if you happen to have them on the proper kind of paper and with the right perforation. Some of the New Zealands of 1882, with which every dealer's stock used to be loaded, are now growing appreciably scarcer.

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2c " "	.14	.18
1c numeral	.06	.08
2c "	.11	.14

Part Perf.	Pair.	Line pair
1c 1911, end 8½	.04	.07
2c " " 8½	.07	.12
2c " side 8½	.07	.12
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CHINA REPUBLICK were all sent out on our Mailing List the first of the month and now we note that a large importing house gives notice that on account of a rise in exchange all prices are cancelled and new prices will be made when next consignment arrives. Thus history repeats itself. There is hardly a month passes when there is not a similar incident to record; stamp collecting enjoys the distinction of being about the only pleasure that you can enjoy for years and then get paid for enjoying it. A collection **rightly bought** always can be sold at a profit. Note we say **rightly bought**, which means that if your name is not on our Mailing List **WE BOTH LOSE.**

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In South Africans, the Boer war caused a jump even in the most common stamps. The 1p brown, first issue of Orange River Colony, which we used to buy for from 10c to 20c per hundred is now quoted at 5c and the ½ red-brown and 2 penny violet have jumped to nearly the same extent. The low values of the small type of Transvaal, of which the supply formerly seemed inexhaustible, have almost climbed to the ranks of better grade stamps. Of the old low value Cape of Good Hope stamps, seated figure, with Anchor water-mark, the 1p rose is the only one which still remains really common. The others have all jumped decidedly at wholesale and most of them at retail.

Ceylon was long a country with the distinction of possessing only one really common stamp. That stamp, the 5c lilac, Queen, was, however, common enough to make up for a multitude of deficiencies. You couldn't open the mixture of British Colonials without getting a big handful of them. Today the wholesale price has multiplied several times and two varieties of the stamp are now known to exist, the scarcer of which catalogues at 50c.

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THE KING AND THE CONGRESS.

At the opening of the British Congress May 8, with the unanimous consent of the delegates present, it was decided to forward a loyal message to His Majesty the King.

Accompanying the message was a framed sheet of the Congress stamps, which were designed by W. Ward and printed by Messrs. Perkins, Bacon & Co., for the Executive Committee of the Fourth Congress. The stamp is triangular, a shape popular enough among philatelists as that of those first favourites among stamp issues, the first Cape of Good Hope stamps printed by the firm of Perkins, Bacon & Co. In the centre is a vignette representing Britannia (off Margate beach), and the angles are occupied by the Arms of Great Britain, Margate and Kent.

The special sheet printed for His Majesty was in purple and gold; another special sheet was printed in silver and pale blue, for the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Crawford, K. T., President of the Royal Philatelic Society.

The letter which the President of the Congress sent with the special sheet of stamps to the King was as follows:—

"As Chairman of the Fourth Philatelic Congress of Great Britain, now assembled at Margate, I have been deputed by the Delegates at their first meeting today, to send you the accompanying proofs from the plate of the special stamp issued in connection with the Congress in the hope that His Majesty The King will be graciously pleased to accept the impressions sent as a souvenir of the occasion.

The proof in gold and purple has been specially printed for His Majesty's use, and is the only impression made in this form. The others are printed in the various colours in which the souvenir stamp has been issued to those interested in the proceedings of the Congress.

I am further desired in the name of the delegates—one hundred in number—attending the Congress as representatives of upwards of forty of the principal Societies associated with philately, respectfully to ask you to convey to His Majesty the humble assurance of the loyalty and devotion of the Philatelists of Great Britain to His Majesty's throne and person.

I remain, my Lord,
Your Lordship's obedient servant,
A. Leon Adutt,
Chairman of the Congress."

In replying on May 2nd, Sir F. M. Ponsonby acknowledged the presentation sheet of stamps and the loyal greetings in the following terms:—

"I am commanded by the King to thank the Fourth Philatelic Congress of Great Britain, now assembled at Margate, for the proofs from the plate and the special stamp issued in connection with the Congress, which they have been good enough to forward for His Majesty's acceptance.

I am further to express His Majesty's thanks to the Delegates attending the Congress for their kind message and expression of loyalty, which the King much appreciates."

A letter was also received from Lord Crawford acknowledging the "interesting and unique pull of the Commemoration Label, which will form one of the treasures of the Philatelic Library."

"I am greatly indebted to the delegates," his lordship added, "for this kindly remembrance."—*Postage Stamp.*

THE MATTER OF PUBLICITY.

L. G. Dorpat contributes to *Hobbyist* the following chunk of wisdom:—

"What would the dealers do, anyhow, if there were no journals to carry their advertisements? They would have to issue and mail price lists or "house organs" on their own account and not that only, they would have to advertise in other non-philatelic journals in order to get the addresses of stamp-collectors to whom they might mail their circulars and lists. Would that be cheaper? Hardly. It is probable that it would be dearer and less effective. On the other hand, by persistent advertising in several philatelic journals some dealers have become so generally known among collectors that their names are real household words among philatelists. They are wise enough to patronize the new and small journals as well as the old and large, in order to get their business early and in the best possible light before new collectors and to every nook and corner of the philatelic world."

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That envelope ever since.
He dropped us, the envelope and me,
Through a slot in a dark box,
But we were rescued by a mail clerk,
More's the pity. He hit me an
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It left my face black and blue.
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Two days and when we arrived
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BARTELS' SLATER SALE.

On May 15 and 16 the J. M. Bartels Co. sold the fine collection of A. B. Slater consisting of United States stamps in blocks, pairs and strips. There were no less than 750 blocks sold, including a block of eight of the 5c 1847, with full O. G. The sale totalled $5,410.25.

A New York 5c 1845, fine pair on original cover, one of the stamps with margins all around (Cat. $15.00) fetched $23.50.

A 10c 1847, horizontal strip of five, with left sheet margin, red cancellation (Cat. $25) sold for $62.00.

A block of four 90c 1861, light blue, lightly cancelled, very fine (Cat. $14) sold for $18.00.

A 90c 1862 deep carmine, very fine block of four, well centered, (Cat. $60) sold for $50.00.

The rarity of the sale was the block of five-cent referred to above. It was a block of eight with full original gum and good margins. It was the gem of the collection, (Cat. $68) and realized $260, or more than four times catalog value.

A superb block of the 15c 1875, re-issue of 1869, is described by Mr. Bartels as the only one he has ever seen, and with a catalog value of $50 brought $61.

In department stamps a 6c Post Office on vertically ribbed paper, block of four, was an interesting item, and the price realized was $3.50.

A 4c Pan-American with center inverted, hand stamped specimen, fine O. G. copy, brought $51.00.

We append a few additional prices:—

	Cat.	Price
1847, 5c (28b) vert. pair	$ 6.00	$ 5.00
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1862, 24c gray lilac, block of 4	2.40	3.25
1869, 30c block of 4	14.00	12.00
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*1869, 30c O. G., vert, pair	15.00	15.00
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SPECIALIZING AND THE SPECIALIST.

By AL. DE LA TORRE BUENO.

We are living in an age of "specialism." In every walk of life, in every line of business, in every profession the demand is for the specialist—the expert—in each department or branch of the different forms of human endeavor.

The "practical miner" was supplanted by the mining engineer, he in turn is making way for the "mining expert." The general practitioner is fast disappearing—except in the small country towns—and in his stead we have the specialist in children's diseases, in diseases of the throat, etc. The same conditions rule in the commercial world.

These conditions also obtain in our chosen pastime—philately—in which the specialist is looked upon as the most advanced and highest type of the collector—the collector *par excellence.* Such men are the ones who have placed philately among the sciences and have won for it the solid foundation upon which it now stands.

Almost every specialist started as a general collector, and as he has advanced his love for philately has increased and whetted his thirst for more knowledge; then recognizing the futility of trying to cover too large an area he has circumscribed his field of action devoting his energies solely to the stamps of one country, giving to them and to their study the best that there is in him; studying and generously sharing with his brother philatelists the fruit of his labors.

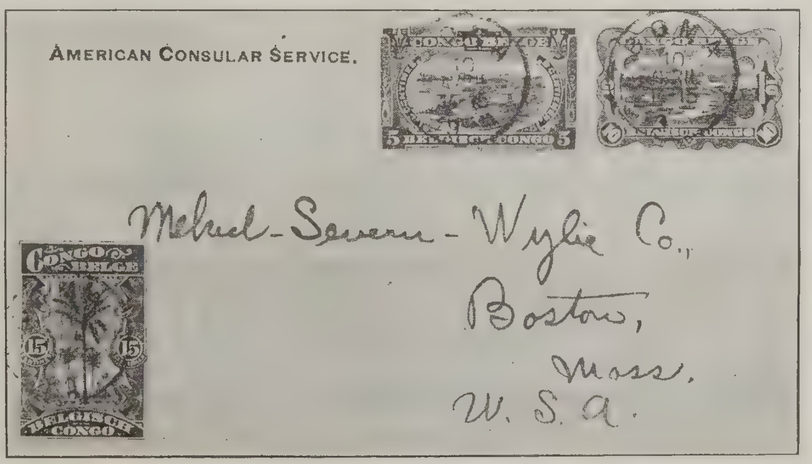
It is no more possible for every collector to become a specialist than it is for every wielder of a paint brush to become an artist. There are certain fundamental requisites, lacking which the collector can no more expect to become a specialist than can a longshoreman expect to become the arbiter of fashion.

To become a specialist one must be influenced from within—must be "called" as our reverend friends would say. This is the first, but by no means the sole requisite for entering the field of specialization. The man who would become a specialist must be willing to make a thorough and exhaustive study of the most minute details of the stamps; he must have keen discernment and judgment, to be able to differentiate between an imperfection in a single specimen and an actual variety; he must be thoroughly conversant with the mechanical processes employed in the making of stamps, such as the manufacture and varieties of paper, the different gums employed and the manner of applying same to the stamps, the several methods of transferring the design to the paper—"printing" as it is commonly called—such as engraving, surface printing, lithographing, etc., he must have a keen eye for color so as to be able to distinguish true shades from "fades"; he must study, not alone the postal history of the country he is specializing in but also its political history and its bearing upon the stamp issues of that country; in fact there is nothing, no matter how trivial or insignificant it may appear or how remotely it may be related to stamps, their production and use, which the specialist can afford to overlook.

The specialist who is gifted with a facile pen is doubly blest, for he can set down the fruit of his labors for the edification and enlightenment of the present and future generations of philatelists, and incidentally receive that which is sweet to all of us—the plaudits of his colleagues.

Practically all the philatelic literature comes from the pens of the specialists, who may well be termed the researchers.

The cost connected with specializing is not so great as to deter the philatelist who has the necessary ability and qualifications from entering the field; there are many countries the stamps of which are not hard to get and which being low in price are within the reach of practically anyone and at the same time afford the true enthusiast a fine field for research.



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EDITORIAL.

Counterfeit—The WEEKLY has come into possession of a die of the one-third groschen green, 1858, Oldenburg, that was seized some years ago in Chicago, according to the story, in some raid undertaken by the government officers. The die was held as evidence for a long time but no complaints having been received by the authorities that collectors had been defrauded by impressions from it, the die has been released from custody. Captain Porter, who has charge of the secret service at Chicago, knew that the die was held there, even though it had remained in the archives of the department of justice and not in his department. The die is typographed and of course, the portions from which the impression is made having been left in relief, those that are to show no color are made in recess or cut away. The engraving is on copper which is backed by a lead or composition base almost an inch in depth. As counterfeits go, it is a very fair one, although differences from the stamp, as the original rarity, are to be detected by a close examination of the die itself. While the die is not exactly mutilated yet it would have to be restored before impressions at their best could be taken from it, as it is battered up a bit at two of the corners. In its present state it is practically harmless and it would be rather difficult nowadays to persuade the collector who was eyeing the rare one-third groschen Oldenburg, 1858, long established as a very scarce stamp, to buy it from an unaccredited source no matter how tempting the price.

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As It Seems—We have been given to understand that it is unlikely that the government would attempt the prosecution under the present laws of the one who possessed and printed from a forged die or plate of a stamp issued by an "extinct" country or one that has a national identity no longer. However, should a collector complain that he has been defrauded through having purchased one of the stamps on the representation that it was genuine, then the federal authorities would take action. However, if the same procedure was taken with the stamp of a country having a separate existence at present, the authorities would have something to say and do. As it is, there are indications that lines constantly will be drawn closer against fraud of this kind, in keeping with the increasing vigilence of the federal authorities to check abuses that come under a general head.

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Three Years Before—A Ways and Means Committee of the Pacific Philatelic Society, San Francisco, has been established, whose work will culminate in 1915 in the philatelic exhibition at the Panama-Pacific fair. In its personnel the committee is one selected with much acumen and it is certain that effective work will be accomplished by the following experienced members: H. G. Smith, chairman; H. B. Phillips, treasurer and H. C. Marcus, secretary. Mr. Smith, formerly of Minneapolis, served as treasurer of the American Philatelic Society with distinction; and for many years, Mr. Phillips was the representative of the Pacific Coast on the directorate of the American Philatelic Society. Mr. Smith says: "We are planning to have the greatest stamp carnival ever given in the world and the entertainment that will be given in '1915' will be such as to be long remembered." It is estimated that over ten thousand dollars will be needed by the committee which has acted favorably upon the suggestion that associate memberships for the year, 1915, in the Pacific Philatelic Society be sold to the elect at the rate of two dollars a membership. We believe that there will be a demand for these certificates which will be veritable philatelic passports in San Francisco in 1915.

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Not Guilty—We have been presented with a circular giving the "Analysis of an Average Week's Mail" received by Miss Helen Gould. There are 1303 pieces of mail matter summarized, asking contributions of money to the amount of $1,548,502; and in considering this sum, it is to be remembered that the majority of correspondents do not mention the amount of money desired, and which, of course, cannot be included in this aggregate. We are somewhat surprised to notice that no requests for "foreign stamps" or for money with which to purchase them are listed; and, further, that no "old stamp collections" are offered for sale to Miss Gould. We repel any insinuation that correspondence from philatelists has been received and that it has been classified by the sententious statement "18-Cranks."

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Look Who is Here—An esteemed correspondent has sent for inspection several cut-square United States envelopes, 1857-61, that recall the days when philatelic adventurers that plied their enterprise with little reck of hindrance or consequence. The two cut square envelopes purporting to be the three-cent and the ten-cent of this 1857-61 issue that are under scrutiny come under the category of "Montreal counterfeits," as they were distributed from that city in the wide-open days. These forgeries were something of an incubus on philately in the old time and there were many collectors who were defrauded by the six-cent and the ten-cent of the issue, in particular. Latterly, these forgeries have become rather scarce as envelope collectors who pick up such things as curiosities or adjuncts to their collections can testify. It may be added that the ten-cent submitted by our correspondent is in blue, instead of the regular color, green. From her letter, we quote: "It has been stated in print that there are no counterfeits of U. S. envelopes known, and various well informed collectors have told me the same thing." This assumption is not correct as books on counterfeits for years have listed these forgeries together with forgeries of the Centennial envelopes; and the existence of forged high values of the 1864 envelope set for which the author of the 1857-61 fabrications was responsible, no doubt, is proved by the thirty-cent green in our possession.

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Something to See—A budget has been received from Mr. Robert S. Nelson, enclosing a number of interesting items for inspection, one of which is a copy of the Talladega, Alabama, five-cent envelope, which Mr. Nelson maintains is entitled to rank as a provisional. The letters "i. e.", as we make them out, are above the "Paid" of Paid 5, in the right hand upper corner of the envelope and the Talladega postmark occupies a similar position at the left. Other Talladega envelopes that passed through Mr. Nelson's hands had the same unvarying impressions. Mr. Nelson submits two non-governmental patent line, "Nov. 20, 1855" envelopes possessing all the characteristics of the Nesbitt stamped envelopes, except the watermark and the stamped envelope impression, that were used with adhesive stamps. Curiosities of this kind have been fully described in the past; and they prove that the Nesbitt company, the government contractors for the United States envelopes used the patent lines in ordinary envelopes that the company marketed. A double one-cent postal card, Grant, 1892, shows the "message" card as normally but the reply card is wholly blank or innocent of any impression whatever, making the curiosity a somewhat startling one. An official Uruguay is submitted on which the overprint reads: "Ofi" and a broken "c", the remaining letters having made no impression.

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(*Contributed by Geo. W. Linn.*)

I find it hard to get many of the low priced stamps of Peru. I just wrote Scott's for the Postal Packet Set, 1911 Cat. Nos. 301-2-3-4-5-6 priced at 10c to $1.00 used or unused and they can't furnish any of them. Have been trying for some time to get these and want pairs and blocks of them, but guess they are not to be had. Almost every country in the catalog furnishes similar examples when one tries to get them. Take Belgium P. P. Nos. 217-231 and 208 and you will look for some time before seeing them.

(*Contributed by Edw. Wintermute.*)

New Hebrides, 1908 issue, 25c, 50c and 1fr surcharged on New Caledonia issue of 1905, Scott's Nos. 3, 4, 5. Any one who wishes to have a stamp hunt should try and get these three stamps, which cat. 77c unused. I will guarantee them to be as hard to get as anything along the line. I visited no less than seventeen dealers in New York City and located just three sets. One dealer asked $3.50 for the three stamps, another asked $3.00 and the other asked $2.00 which I gobbled up and was very glad to get at that price. Not one dealer had the three above mentioned stamps in used condition.

(*Contributed by L. R. Farr.*)

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An extraordinary meeting of the council of ministers was called and orders were issued for an extraordinary session of Parliament. The new King of Denmark is 42 years old. In 1898 he married Princess Alexandrine of Mecklenberg. He is brother-in-law of the Crown Prince of Germany.

King Frederick has reigned since January, 1906, when he succeeded his father, Christian. King Frederick was 69 years old. He was the brother of Dowager Queen Alexandra of England, the Dowager Empress of Russia, and King George of the Hellenes, and was the father of King Haakon of Norway.

He was born June 3, 1843. As Prince Christian he married Princess Louise of Sweden and Norway July 28, 1869, at Stockholm. He is survived by the Queen and seven children.

Frederick was characterized the most popular of living princes. He was unique among royalty in that he served as a soldier in the ranks. He wore the same clothes as other privates in the royal guard, ate with them, and performed the same arduous duties. As long as he was a private he refused invitations from the officers' mess. At the University of Copenhagen he continued his democracy by mixing with the other students, even going as far as to use the street cars to go home.

As a King he never had a bodyguard, and greeted children on the street in the friendliest manner. Often he used to drop in on humble subjects and chat with them. He was regarded as a model constitutional King, never interfering with the conduct of the government by the ministry. In the early days of his reign he regretted that there were no Socialists in the kingdom.

Frederick was chancellor of Copenhagen University and grand master of the Danish Masons. He was an admirer of the United States and his son, King Haakon, was visited by Theodore Roosevelt on the latter's return from his African hunting trip.

The people of Denmark are stunned by the sudden death of their popular King, who only two days ago they were informed had completely recovered from his serious illness.

The tragic circumstances of the King's seizure are virtually identical with those of his first illness three months ago, with the exception that this time the attack terminated fatally.

On both occasions his majesty was walking in the streets alone when he collapsed with heart failure.

Frederick VIII. was a great friend and admirer of the United States. He read daily the American newspapers and was a close student of American literature. He was always glad to greet American visitors at the palace.

"Why have they lowered the flags to half staff?" asked Prince Christian of Denmark, returning from an early morning ride today.

"Your royal highness," replied a breathless courier, who had ridden madly to meet him, "the King is dead."

"Long live the King," he added respectfully, as the shock showed plainly in the face of the new monarch.

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By W. E. WHITNALL.

Mr. Luff in his "Postage Stamps of the United States," page 181, referring to 1895 issue says, "On each quarter sheet of one hundred stamps there are ten horizontal rows of nine letters each."

(a) Mr. Luff does not go into details and say how many of the 90 watermarks are on the 100 stamps, and how many of them on the margins; but judging from their issues (see item (c) below) I think it may be found that there were not even 90 watermarks on the 100 stamps.

(b) In my own experience, the extreme difficulty of finding (on stamps where the watermark can be plainly seen) a specimen with a *well centered* watermark, is some confirmation of (a) above.

(c) In the full sheet of 400 1c imperf. stamps of current issue at my side as I write, the double line watermarks are as follows.

Horizontally, 17 watermarks to 20 stamps. Vertically, 19 (really 18 full ones and a little piece of the next) watermarks to 20 stamps.

In each case the marginal watermarks are ignored. Enclosed is a photo of part of a sheet of illustration I used to make this clear at one of our local philatelic meetings.

I am a collector of U. S. A. and frequently try to stimulate interest in the stamps of that country among my friends. On the authority of Mr. Luff's book I have taught some of them that the watermarks on the 1895 issue were nine in number per 10 stamps. At present I am not sure of my ground, and shall be much obliged for any help you can give me to clear the matter up.—*Philatelic Gazette.*

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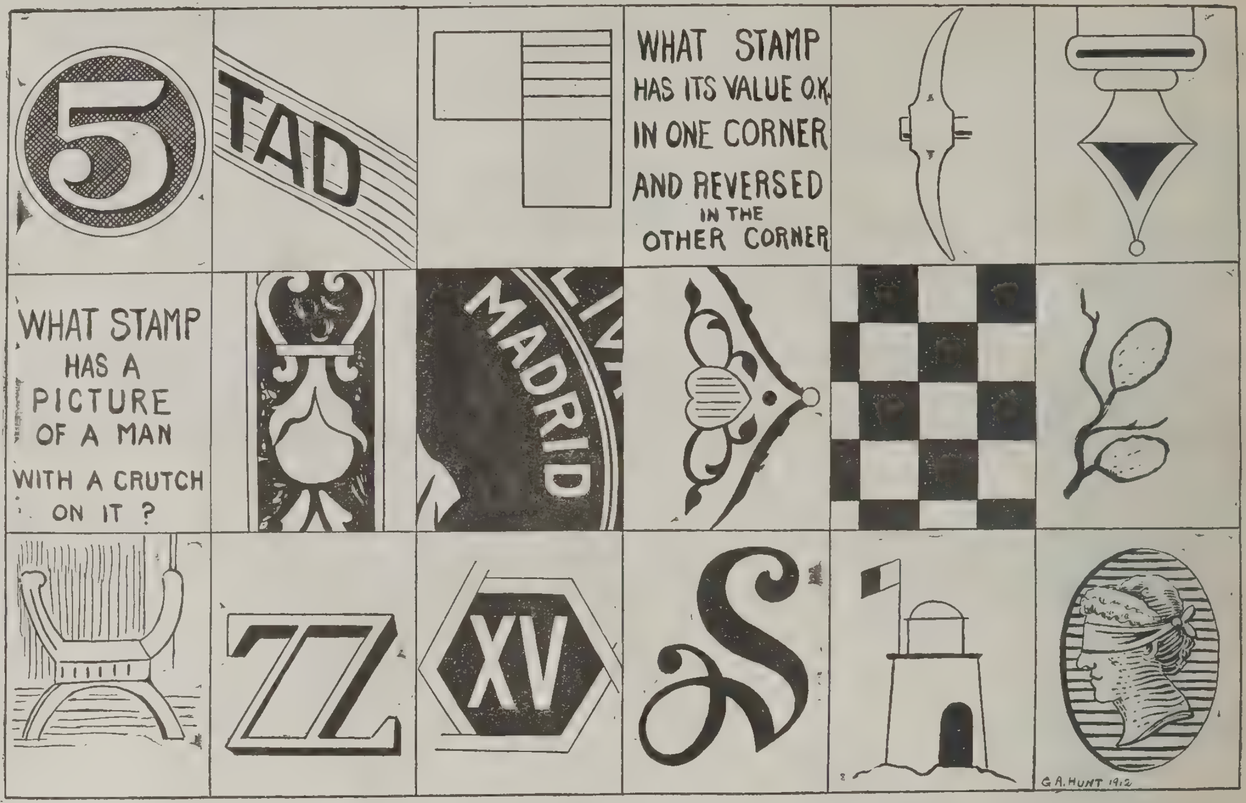

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SOME GREAT STAMP COLLECTIONS.

Clipping from Chas. Jarecki.

Stamp collectors in New York discussed with more than usual interest the announcement contained in a cable dispatch to the *Times* recently that Lord Crawford has sold the bulk of his magnificent collection to a London dealer. It was stated, however, that he has retained his Great Britian and United States collections, which have long been famous in the world of philately. Indeed, the consensus of opinion among those who have seen Lord Crawford's collection of United States stamps is that it is the best in the world, while his Great Britain set is probably only exceeded by the remarkable collection owned by George V of England.

About five years ago Lord Crawford, at the earnest solicitation of some of the princely collectors in America, sent his United States stamps here for exhibition, and they were shown in the rooms of the Collectors' Club.

It was an event that philatelists have not yet forgotten. Nothing like it had ever been seen in New York. The multitude of varieties and early proof specimens, and the painstaking care with which minute shadings in color for similar issues and denominations had been selected, were a genuine surprise.

"It is unfortunate to admit—on patriotic grounds only, however—that an Englishman has a better collection of United States stamps than one of our own countrymen," said John A. Kleman, of the Nassau Stamp Company, and one of the officers of the Collectors' Club, "but the British Earl deserves credit for his achievement and his scientific method in studying minute variations has given in the last few years, a broader impetus to stamp collecting.

"The nucleus of his collection, which has given it its unique position, is the unrivaled collection which the Earl purchased from Henry G. Mandel, for $30,000 about ten years ago. Mr. Mandel was an old employe of the American Bank Note Company, which printed most of the early United States stamps.

"Besides all of the early impressions of both adhesive and envelope stamps Mr. Mandel had saved many of the original designs, engravers' proofs, samples, and rejected designs, things which are absolutely unobtainable for the collector at large.

"With his later additions, Lord Crawford's collection, therefore, forms a complete history of United States stamps, and if a scientific history should ever be written on the subject, Lord Crawford's collection would supply invaluable material."

Some idea of the extent of Lord Crawford's collection may be judged from the fact that his United States stamps, when brought here, were contained in forty volumes, each volume having about 1,000 stamps, making 40,000 stamps for the United States alone. Besides complete sets of all the regular issues, he has practically all of the extremely rare postmaster's stamps issued just before the first Government issue in 1847, and also most of the rare Postmaster's stamps of the Confederate States.

The finest collection in America is owned by George H. Worthington of Cleveland, Ohio, President of the Cleveland Stone Company, and Director in many other companies. He has been collecting for years, and dealers who know what he possesses estimate that he has spent from $750,000 to $1,000,000 for his stamps.

Mr. Worthington has one of the three best collections in the world.

"The Worthington collection overshadows everything else of its kind in this country," said John N. Luff of the Scott Stamp and Coin Company. "I should say it is worth close to $1,000,000. It contains practically all of the famous varieties. No collector in this country can equal his collection of United States stamps.

"Some of these are unique. One is the only known copy of the Alexandria postmaster stamp, printed on blue, for which, it is said, he paid $3,500. Six other copies of the stamp are known to have been printed on buff paper.

"He also has a pair of the rare Mauritius 'Post Office' one penny red stamps, on the original envelope, worth several thousand dollars, and a copy of the extremelv rare two-penny Mauritius of the same issue, a copv of which sold at auction a few years ago for $7,250, still the record price for a stamp at public sale."

Mr. Worthington has stated that he intends to leave his magnificent collection to the City of Cleveland.

The record $7,250 stamp is now owned by the King of England. It is the Mauritius twopence blue, with the word "Post Office" on one side instead of "Post Paid." Only about twenty-two specimens are known of the one and two penny stamps.

The history of the one owned by the King of England is one of the interesting stories of philately. Several years ago a collector visiting a friend in Eng-

Cayman Is. 1902, ½p, 1p, (2 var.)	single CA	.14
Montserrat 1903, 2½p	" "	.10
Somaliland 1904, ½p, 1p, (2 var.)	" "	.06
So. Nigeria 1902, ½p, 1p, (2 var.)	" "	.24
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Henry J. Crocker of San Francisco has long been known as one of the princely collectors in America. He lost in the San Francisco earthquake and fire eleven of his forty-three albums, but his choicest lot, the Hawaiian stamps, were then in England. Mr. Crocker received a short time ago from the London Philatelic Society an elaborate gold cup for his exhibition of Hawaiian stamps, one of the finest awards ever made in the philatelic world. He has no less than sixteen of the extremely rare Missionary Hawaiian stamps, some being unique specimens. Among them is the only known copy, outside of the British Museum, of the two-cent variety.

These Hawaiians alone are worth several thousand dollars. For one of the rare two-cent varieties Dudly Pickman, another noteworthy collector of Boston, is said to have paid $5,000 a few years ago.

John P. Stanton, of this city, had a famous collection, which was sold at auction last year, and brought $32,500, this being the record auction sale of the year and one of the largest ever held in America.

The King of England's collection is restricted to the stamps of Great Britain and the British colonies and in these countries he has everything that is obtainable. He owes his stamp enthusiasm, it is said, to his late uncle, the Duke of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, who had one of the celebrated royal collections in Europe.

The greatest collection in the world, however, is owned by a Frenchman, Count Philippe la Renetiere, known several years ago as Count Ferrary. Few collectors have been permitted to see his treasures. It is said that he has spent at least $5,000,000 on his stamps. They are kept in safes and especially prepared cases in a large building at 24 Rue de Varenne, Paris, and half a dozen employes are busy all the time taking care of the collection and attending to an enormous correspondence with all parts of the world. This collection includes some of the only known copies of early British Guiana issues.

The British Museum has one of the finest public collections in the world, the T. K. Tapling collection, which Mr. Tapling bequeathed to the museum several years ago. It was said to be worth at that time about $250,000, but to-day its value is placed at $500,000. It contains nothing later than 1890, and is particularly rich in the early rarities of the British colonies.—*N. Y. Times.*

CHRONICLE OF NEW ISSUES AND VARIETIES

Edited by HENRY A. KIDDER.

Any information regarding new issues will be gratefully received and acknowledged. Address HENRY A. KIDDER, 17 Addison St., Arlington, Mass. Letters calling for a reply should contain a self-addressed, stamped envelope. We cannot give applicants the addresses of our correspondents. Correspondence regarding precancelled stamps must be sent to FRANK B. ELDREDGE, Attleboro, Mass. when due credit will be given in this department.

UNITED STATES.—The following new precancels have been reported by C. R. Godbey, F. B. Eldredge, Benn Gleason, C. B. Megarity, Geo. H. Scharr, Elmer Topelmann and I. Saucerman:—

St. Louis, Mo., 2c 1911, inverted; type II.
Saginaw, Mich., 1c 1912, normal; type II.
Saginaw, Mich., 2c 1912, normal; type I.
Saginaw, Mich., 2c 1912, normal; type II.
Saginaw, Mich., 50c 1908, normal; type I.
Saginaw, Mich., 50c 1908, normal; type II.
Buffalo, N. Y., 1c 1912, normal; type IV.
Montpelier, Vt., 2c 1911, normal; type I.
Baltimore, Md., 1c 1912, normal; type II.
Dallas, Tex., 3c 1911, normal; type I.
Dallas, Tex., 6c 1911, normal; type I.
Dallas, Tex., 8c 1911, normal; type I.
Dayton, Ohio, 1c 1912, normal; type?
Brockton, Mass., (Campello Station;) 1c 1912, normal, type I.
Chicago, Ill., 1c 1912, normal, double; type V.
Chicago, Ill., 8c 1912, normal; type V.
Chicago, Ill., 8c 1902, normal, triple strike; type V.
Dayton, Ohio, 1c 1912, normal, type II.
Minneapolis, Minn., 1c 1912, normal; type V.
Dayton, Ohio, 1c 1912, normal; type III.
Lynn, Mass., 1c 1912, reading up; type III.
Baltimore, Md., 1c 1911, normal; type II.
Meridan, Conn., 1c 1911, normal; type I.
Boston, Mass., 1c 1912, normal; type V.
Minneapolis, Minn., 3, 5, 8c 1911, normal; type VII.
Buffalo, N. Y., 1c 1911, normal, double; type IV.
Buffalo, N. Y., 10c 1912, normal; type IV.

Donald W. Martin writes that the supply of stamps precancelled Saginaw, Mich., at Christmas time, among which were the inverts, is exhausted, and the new supply appears without any inverts.

Frank B. Eldredge sends a novelty consisting of the current officially sealed dark ultramarine, semi-official stamp, rouletted, or hyphen-holed perforation. The work is roughly done, leaving the stamps ragged when separated.

BELGIUM.—The New England Stamp Co. has shown us the 5fr value of the new set. The design is the same as the 10c, previously chronicled though of larger size. The 10c measures 18x22mm, or with the coupon, 18x30mm. The 5fr measures 23x26mm, or with the coupon, 23x35mm. Like the lower values, the new value is surface printed, and not particularly well done at that.

Adhesive.

5fr plum.

CYPRUS.—In No. 1115, we noted the issue of five values, with portrait of King George, but were unable to give the colors. These we now draw from the *London Philatelist.*

Adhesives.

½pi green and crimson.
30pa violet and green.
1pi rose and blue.
4pi olive green and purple.
6pi sepia and green.

EAST AFRICA AND UGANDA.—*Ewen's Weekly* reports that the 75c King Edward stamp has been issued with the center in a darker shade of black.

GIBRALTAR.—*Morocco Agencies.*—We should have stated that the 4d Great Britain, surcharged "Morocco Agencies," chronicled in No. 1116, differed from the same stamp previously chronicled, in the omission of the new value surcharged at the bottom of the stamp in centimos.

GREAT BRITAIN.—The London *Daily Mail* says that the issue of postage stamps, other than ½d and 1d, bearing the King's portrait, will probably begin in June.

INDIA.—W. T. Wilson has now shown us the ½a, 2½a and 6a postage and 3pi and ½a Service, as chronicled in No. 1106.

JAPAN.—Mr. Schachne shows us the new double card, the mate to the single noticed in No. 1104. No change from last issue except the stamp which now has the value in ovals at the center of each side instead of in each lower corner.

Post Card.

1½x1½s rose on white.

MEXICO.—O. Darwin Owen sends us specimens of three crudely engraved and printed revenue stamps just issued by the insurrectionists in the state of Chihuahua. Mr. Owen states that the three values, 1, 2 and 5c, are all that have been issued to date and are good for the territory controlled by the red flag "General" Orozco. The stamps are line engraved and we are not acquainted with the name of the gentleman whose features are shown on the set.

NEW HEBRIDES.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us the set of Condominium stamps, with values in French money, evidently from a new printing, as the paper has a new watermark. The values, colors and design are the same as the original issue. Instead of being printed on paper watermarked multiple crown CA, the watermark shows two large letters, "R F", only one letter appearing on each sheet of 60 stamps, so that some sheets bear the letter "R" only, while others have the letter "F" alone. These letters are fancy outline type, 115x128mm. Many of the stamps are without watermark, while others have only one or two lines from the large letter.

PORTUGAL.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us the ½c value of the new Republica set, the color being brilliant jet black.

Adhesive.

½c black.

SIAM.—Philip H. Ward, Jr., reports having seen a copy of the 6 satang red, Scott's No. 121, cut diagonally from lower left to upper right, and half used as 3 satang. The cancellation, which of course covers the cut, was dated "5-3-12."

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Same, line between, mint pair	.25
2c 1912, figures in lower corners, imperforate — Mint pairs, 7c; block of 4	.14
Same with line between, pair, 12c; block of 4	.24
1c 1912, figures in lower corners, imperforate— Mint pairs, 5c; block of 4	.10
Same, line between, pair	.10
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THE BEGINNERS GUIDE.

WATERMARKS.

Next to paper we place watermarks in our scheme of importance though to be strictly accurate both should be classed together for watermarked paper is really an important sub-division of "paper."

A very large proportion of the world's postage stamps, ancient and modern, show a watermark in the paper. As I have already shown, in describing the manufacture of paper, the watermarks are formed when the pulp passes under the "dandy-roll." On this roll the letters or devices that are intended to show as a watermark in the finished stamps are in slight relief so that the pulp receives a little heavier pressure at these points and the consequence is an almost infinitesimal thinning. But though the actual difference in the thickness of the paper where the watermark appears and elsewhere is exceedingly trivial it is sufficient to show the device more or less clearly when the stamp is held in front of a good light. As a rule the watermarked devices are stamped out of thin sheets of brass and soldered on the "dandy-roll" at regular intervals. In some cases, the Small Crown watermarks of the early stamps of Great Britain, for instance,—the designs were made by twisting pieces of wire to the requisite shape and these "bits" were then sewn on to the wire cloth on which the pulp was poured.

Watermarks are introduced into the paper as an extra precaution against counterfeiting. When stamps were first issued the great fear of the authorities was that they might be successfully counterfeited and so entail considerable loss to the revenue. Of course the presence or absence of a watermark is not an infallible test of genuineness but it is often of great value in the detection of counterfeits where design and color are very close copies of the original. Forgeries of watermarks are generally clumsy in the extreme. All Governments have endless precautions for caring for the paper on which stamps are printed so that it is practically an impossibility for even a single sheet to be stolen without instant detection. The fact that a stamp has no watermark does not, of course, imply that it is a counterfeit, for many stamps have been and still are issued on plain unwatermarked paper. It is fairly safe to assume, however, that if the beginner has a stamp without watermark which is catalogued as having one the chances are that it is not genuine. If a watermark is difficult to distinguish immersion in a little highly rectified benzine will generally bring out the design quite clearly. The benzine will evaporate quickly and will not damage the gum on unused stamps. As a rule, though, it is unnecessary to resort to benzine—a little patience and close observation of the stamp held at different angles and against a dark surface will generally result in the detection of even the most obstinate watermark.

A study of the different designs which have been adopted for the watermarks of stamps in different countries is in itself an interesting occupation. To note only a few: there are crowns of all shapes and sizes; stars were the favorite devices on many of the early British Colonial stamps printed by Perkins Bacon & Co., while to this day India has retained its star watermark. Other Indian stamps show an elephant's head; some Jamaican issues show a pineapple; while we also call to mind an anchor for the Cape of Good Hope; a swan, for Western Australia; a sun, for the Argentine Republic; a sacred wheel, for Siam; a conch-shell, for Travancore; a horn, for Norway; a star and crescent, for Egypt; a sacred emblem, for China; a laurel wreath, for Prussia; turtles, for Tonga; and a pyramid, for Egypt. All have some special significance and their meaning is second in interest only to that of stamp designs.

In most cases the sheets of watermarked paper consist of the repetition of a certain device so arranged that one complete design is apportioned to each stamp. Thus, in the case of the current Indian stamps each shows one star as the watermark. Sometimes a large design spreads over the whole sheet so that each stamp only shows a small portion as in the case of the stamps of the Imperial British East Africa Company; others such as the 1881 to 1898 issues of Hungary have one complete watermarked design covering each block of four stamps; while in other instances the watermark is only large enough to cover a few stamps on each sheet. As instances we may cite the earlier stamps of Austria and Montenegro in which the words "Briefmarken" or "Zeitungsmarken" are shown in large double lined capitals across the centre of each sheet with the result that only the stamps in the two middle rows show portions of one or two letters. Again, some of the Bulgarian stamps printed in 1896 show a watermark of the national coat-of-arms in the sheet, this being large enough to cover only nine stamps of the hundred.

Another arrangement is that found in the case of the current United States stamps in which the letters "U. S. P. S." are repeated in such manner that each stamp should, normally, show one letter.

But, as I have already said, the general rule has always been one stamp, one watermark, and the great objection to this plan is that where stamps of different sizes or which are printed in different sized sheets are in use special paper has to be made for each variety or it would not "fit." To obviate the necessity of keeping special paper of different sizes for stamps of varying dimensions Messrs. De La Rue & Co. hit upon the idea of having "multiple" watermarks—that is a repetition of a design so close together that each stamp on a sheet would be watermarked with portions of several of the complete designs. The first of these multiple papers was the "turtle" variety used for the stamps of Tonga in 1897. In this series there are four separate shapes and had the usual plan been adopted four sorts of paper would have had to be made. By using the multiple variety, however, the same paper was used for all the stamps. In 1898 multiple rosettes were used for the Zanzibar stamps, in 1902 multiple star and crescent paper was introduced for the Soudan stamps, and in 1904 the multiple Crown CA paper made its appearance. It is the latter variety the beginner will most often meet with and will probably be puzzled by. In the case of stamps with what for convenience sake we now term "single" CA watermark each stamp on the sheet shows one complete Crown over the letters CA. In the case of the "multiple" variety the device is so arranged that on a level with the Crown of one watermark are the letters "CA" of another with the result that each stamp on a sheet shows portions of *more* than one watermark.

The importance of watermarks in general is such that the beginner should certainly collect distinct designs as being of equal merit with different designs or colors on the face of the stamps But until he has gained considerable experience I would not advise the collection of, say, the different sorts of star watermarks—"large", "small", and "broad"—or the various "garter" watermarks found on certain British stamps. Collect distinct designs that are easily distinguished and by so doing you will obtain all the necessary standard varieties and be saved endless bother.

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I do not purpose to go entirely through the catalogue alphabetically, and deal with the whole world, as this would entail too much time, and become wearisome to you, but will select a few notable instances illustrating how history is portrayed upon the stamps of a country, and will commence with our near neighbour, France, but I must remind you that during the past 50 or 60 years, politics in Europe have been so very complicated that it is impossible to go over the events of any particular country without involving others, and therefore I may repeat myself at times by coming across the same instances while dealing with different nations. To commence then with France, we find stamps were issued first in 1849, and they bore the inscription Repub. Franc. (this being a curtailment of Republique Francaise), and they also bore an illustration of the head of Ceres, the goddess of plenty, emblematic of the Republic. The first change took place in 1852, and was caused by the election of Louis Napoleon to the Presidency, and the stamps were similar in design, inscribed as before Repub. Franc., but the head was changed to that of Napoleon.

A popular election in November, 1852, restored the Empire and the Prince-President was proclaimed Emperor under the style of Napoleon III., and at the same time a decree was made ordering "Empire Francaise" to be substituted in all cases for "Republique Francaise." Accordingly new stamps were prepared and issued bearing the same head as last but inscribed "Empire Francaise." After the successful campaign against Austria and Italy, in 1860 and 1861 it was decided to adorn the head of Napoleon with a laurel wreath, and stamps of this description appeared in 1863, but the fickleness of the French people was soon apparent, as the French Government made the disastrous mistake of declaring war against Germany on the 19th July, 1870. Disaster followed disaster in rapid succession, and the fall of Sedan on 2nd September of the same year, when the Emperor surrendered, brought about the end of the Second Empire, and two days later the Third Republic was proclaimed, and the conduct of affairs was taken over by the Government of National Defence. Napoleon fled to England, and once again the stamps of France show the head of Ceres, and the shortened inscription "Repub. Franc." It may not be out of place to refer here to the stamps of Alsace-Lorraine, which were really War Stamps issued in France by the German Army of Occupation in those districts where they had invaded France, and superseded the ordinary French Post-Offices.

Germany, having recently been mentioned, naturally comes next to be dealt with, and we first notice the issues at various dates forward from 1849 of stamps for a number of States afterwards forming the German Confederation, but formerly independent Principalities, the chief of which was Prussia, whose Chancellor was the great Bismark, who was the prime factor in welding the various States into one country, under King William of Prussia, who assumed the title of Emperor William I. of Germany. The war with France consolidated the Empire which consisted formerly of four Kingdoms, seven Grand-Duchies, five Duchies, and the free towns of Lubeck, Bremen, and Hamburg, together with the conquered provinces of Alsace-Lorraine, formerly in the possession of France. It is easy to distinguish which of these States were comprised in North Germany, and which were in South Germany, by referring to the difference of the coinage on the stamps of the different states, those in the North using the Silber Groschen as the unit of value, divided into Groschens, and the South using the Mark divided into 100 Pfennig, whilst one or two expressed the value in Schillings.

It is worthy of note, that whilst the power of the great Napoleon I. brought the old German Empire to an end, the defeat of Napoleon III. by Prussia, following the withdrawal of Francis II.'s claim to the title of German Emperor, was the means of consolidating the new Empire into the present Germany as we now know it.

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The stamps of Spain are rich in historical interest, as commencing in 1850 during the reign of Isabella II., whose features are portrayed on several of the earliest issues, followed in 1868, upon her banishment from the country by a provisional government, which added insult to injury by obliterating the dethroned Queen's features by an overprint reading "Habilitado por le Nacion," followed again by new issues bearing a head representative of Liberty. This provisional Republic only lasted three years, and in 1870 Duke Aosta of Italy was selected, out of four candidates, to occupy the throne, a dynasty which he assumed under the title of King Amadeus, but he abdicated three years later, when once again a Republic was established. This in its turn only lasted two years, 1873-1875, and the house of Bourbon was restored in the person of the eldest son of Queen Isabella, who became King Alfonso XII. in 1875, followed at his death by his son King Alfonso XIII., who is so well known to us as the husband of one of our Royal Princesses (Ena), daughter of Princess Henry of Battenberg, and cousin of our present sovereign King George V. of Great Britain. Some unauthorised stamps were issued during the unsettled years 1873-74 in the Northern provinces of Spain, by the Carlists, who proclaimed their leader Dom Carlos, King of Spain, under the title of King Carlos VII., but the accession of King Alfonso XII. soon dispelled his claims, and he was forced to retire.

Portugal commenced the issue of stamps in the year 1853, that being the last year of the reign of Queen Maria, but her death paving the way to the throne for King Pedro V., the first stamps showing profile of Queen Maria were soon superseded by a new set. In 1861 King Luiz succeeded King Pedro, and reigned for 28 years, being in his turn succeeded by King Carlos in 1889. It is scarcely necessary to recall to your minds the tragic events of 1908, when the assassination of King Carlos and the Crown Prince brought about the accession of young King Manuel, whose reign, begun under such terrible circumstances, was so brief, and a bloodless insurrection in 1910 ended in the flight of King Manuel and his mother to England, and a Republic was formed, which has lasted to the present day, although recently attempts have been made by the Royalist party to create a rising in favour of the exiled King.

The stamps of Servia illustrate a very similar state of things, and the terrible murders in 1903 of King Alexander I. and his Queen, caused a sensation in Europe which was not soon forgotten. On June 15th, 1903, King Peter of the Karageorgevic family was elected to succeed to the throne of Servia, but his reign has not been marked with any great amount of prosperity, and nearly all the European powers refused for a long time to recognize his succession.

Italy in 1850 was a land of many petty States, each more or less a law unto itself, and each issuing its own Postage Stamps. The stamps of the Roman States or Papal States are familiar to us by the typical design of a tiara and crossed keys of St. Peter. Other states had their own heraldic design, whilst King Bomba, of Sicily, ordered the best engraver in Italy to be found to immortalize him in a series of stamps bearing his portrait, and Aloisio, the most eminent of engravers of his day was commissioned to prepare an exact likeness of His Sacred Majesty's features, and after much Ministerial tribulation the work was approved, and to this day these productions are regarded as a most superb piece of work. A special cancelling stamp had also to be designed and put into use, which only defaced the border of the stamp, and left the sacred portrait of the King untouched. The foundations of the Kingdom of Italy were laid in 1859-60 by the Union of the States of Lombardy-Venetia, the Kingdom of the Two Sicilies, the Grand Duchy of Tuscany, the Duchies of Parma and Modena, the Roman States, and Romagna, with Victor Emmanuel as first King of United Italy.

In 1879 King Humbert came to the throne, and an issue bearing his portrait appeared during the year of his succession. His murder on July 29th, 1900, by a lunatic and the accession of his son, Victor Emmanuel III., were followed by another issue in 1901, and with various additions remain in use to the present time.

Austria is a country pregnant with great historical interest, but it cannot be claimed that it is discernible on its stamps, as, owing to the fact that the throne has been occupied since 1848 by the Emperor Francis Joseph, and until the Jubilee issue on January 1st, 1908, to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of his reign, most of the stamps have been decorated with his head.

The union of Norway and Sweden, which was repealed by Norway on 26th October, 1905, followed by the election of King Haakon on November 20th as King of Norway as a separate Kingdom marks an epoch in the stamps and history of Scandinavia, and in the same part of Europe the Russification of Finland, much against the will of the Finns, is too well known to need repetition.

Leaving Europe, the only countries of note in Asia are Japan, China and Siam, and little of the history of these places is to be learnt from a study of their stamps and ignoring Africa altogether, we come to the comparatively new Continent of America, and the first country to be mentioned must be that of our cousins, the United States of America. The first two stamps, issued in 1847, bore the portraits of two men whose memory will never die, viz., Franklin and Washington, followed by a host of others who have played a prominent part in the government of that country, Jefferson, Andrew Jackson, Lincoln, Stanton, Clay, Webster, Scott, Hamilton, Perry, Taylor, Garfield, Grant, Sherman, Madison, Marshall, Harrison and Farragut, to be followed no doubt in course of time by men like McKinley and Roosevelt, and other names better known perhaps to the present generation. I must not omit here to mention, that in 1902, Martha Washington, the mother of the world famous George Washington, was honoured by having her portrait on a stamp, of the value of 8 cents.

In 1869 an issue was made with various portraits and designs such as Express Rider, Locomotive, and Steamship, the Arms of the U. S., also two pictures showing the landing of Columbus, and the Declaration of Independence, this being probably the first issue of Pictorial Commemorative stamps known, and it would perhaps have been as well for Philately if they had also been the last. However, that was not to be, and another set was issued in 1893 to celebrate the 400th Anniversary of the discovery of America by Columbus, and the different values represented different events in the life of that adventurous seaman. The sale of pictorials proved so great that the Trans-Mississippi Exhibition at Omaha in 1898 was made the excuse for a further illustrated set of nine values representing the state of the country at different periods, and a small set of six values in 1901 serve to bring again to our memory the Buffalo Exhibition. These were followed in 1904 by a set to commemorate the St. Louis Exhibition, and remind us of the purchase in 1803 of a great tract of country, Louisiana, almost in the centre of the great United States, and a modest set of three values for the Jamestown Exhibition in 1907. Sets of pictorials must have proved a drug on the market, as the numbers issued, commencing with the Columbus set of sixteen values in 1893, nine Omaha in 1898, six Buffalo in 1901, Five St. Louis in 1904, and three Jamestown, dropped to a single stamp issued 1909 bearing the portrait of Wm. H. Seward, and celebrating the acquisition of Alaska by the U. S. A., and in the same year a single stamp commemorated the Hudson Fulton 4th Century. Nearly connected with the history of Spain, but unnoticed in my remarks on that country is the history of Cuba, whose wrongs were sought to be redressed by the large Republic, and after a short but decisive Naval War between the United States and Spain, Cuba, along with Porto Rico, and the Philippine Islands, was taken under American protection, and the stamps of Spanish Cuba were overprinted in new values and issued under the authority of the U. S. Post Office. These were followed by stamps of the U. S. overprinted "Cuba" and the values in "Cents de Peso," and in 1899 the reins of government were handed over to the Cubans themselves who established an Independent Republic under American protection. Most of the foregoing remarks apply also to Porto Rico and the Philippines. We have to acknowledge the influence of the United States in another part of the great American Continent, when we find U. S. stamps surcharged "Canal Zone Panama," the first of which were issued on 18th July, 1904; and it is now generally felt that no Eastern Country is allowed to interfere with any part of U. S. feeling that they have a perfect right to take part in the discussion.

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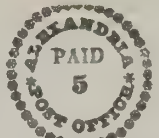
A few more pages of history could be culled from the stamps of many of the South American countries—Argentine Republic, Brazil, Chili, Peru, etc., not to mention the history of desperate finances exhibited by the stamps of all the Central American countries—Guatemala, Nicaragua, Salvador and Honduras, but I feel that I cannot prolong a paper already, I think, carried to the utmost point of your endurance, and will leave it with you to decide whether the trials I have subjected you to are repaid by any new information, which may interest you sufficiently to induce you to give this phase of stamp-collecting a stray thought, now and then.—*Stamp Collectors Fortnightly.*



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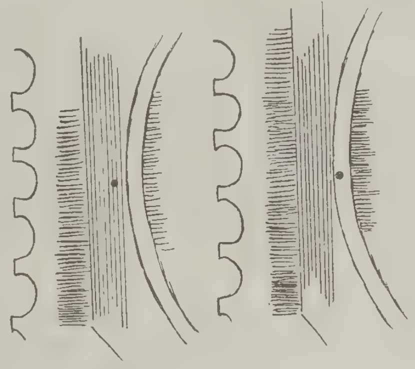
DOTOLOGY.

Mr. G. A. Hunt, Woburn, Mass., has proved his qualifications as an expert in what he aptly terms "dotology" and he has submitted some interesting illustrations to show the extent of his researches. He lists no fewer than six dot types, beginning with a "no dot" three-cent green, National, according to the following summary: I, no dot; II, dot in middle of white space; III, dot to right of white space; IV, dot to left of white space; V, dot on line of shading; VI, dot between two lines of shading. The following illustration of two "types" greatly enlarged typifies these dot differences.



Mr. Hunt submits various denominations, one, two-cent brown; three, seven- and ten-cent, with dots in the ovals or in the shade lines usually opposite the mouth of the portrait on the respective stamps. The thirty-cent black, with dot opposite Hamilton's mouth is a well known variety and it is sometimes alleged incorrectly that the dot on this stamp is the secret mark of the thirty-cent but the enthusiastic discoverer is willing to withdraw his claim when he is told that the dot is not a distinctive marking enough to be accepted as an engraver's key. Die dots and lines, and consequently, plate dots and lines have been thoroughly studied occasionally in the past but we know of no recent article on the subject.

NEWS GLEANINGS.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from J. W. Longnecker, Hugo Kuenstler (3), A. C. Stewart.

—Frank E. Goodwin of *Farm Machinery*, St. Louis, Mo., delivered an address on "Cost Accounting" before the Tennessee Retail Hardware Assn. at Nashville, Tenn., May 22. Mr. Goodwin is an enthusiastic philatelist, and in a letter recently at hand wrote us "I take a dozen stamp papers and the WEEKLY is the one I want to see first. I don't know how it could be bettered and I think I am some judge of papers."

—A. W. Batchelder of the New England Stamp Co. suffered a severe fall recently in New York City, breaking one rib and fracturing others. He was taken to the Flower Hospital where he remained for about two weeks, and it will be another two weeks before he will be back at the office.

—A. R. Bardsley, Altoona, Pa., reports that he can get no return of approval selection from Sidney Lorenz, N. Y. City. This party gave as reference Frank Brown, 1560 Madison Av., but a letter sent to Mr. Brown subsequent to the mailing of the approval selection was returned, "not known." We cannot be too insistent for dealers to look up references always before sending approval selections.

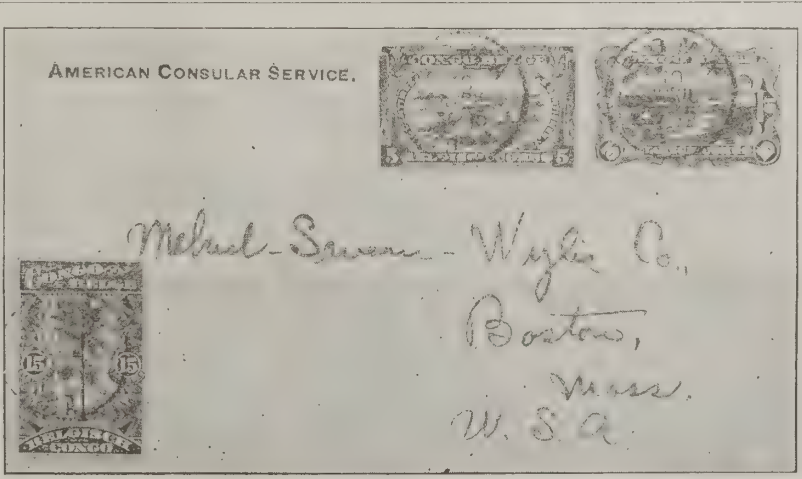
—Wolsieffer's next sale makes a break in the $100,000 series but it offers something "just as good." The sale includes the property of a dozen different owners and in the aggregate number of lots there must be stamps for all classes of collectors.

—We are advised by the International Stamp Co., DeGraff, Ohio, that the manager of the company has been ill. It is expected that he will be able to be at the office very shortly and attend to the accumulated correspondence.

—C. H. Clark of Lubec, Me., sends us a strong word in connection with the machine perforations and the manner in which they are now being exploited in the philatelic press. Mr. Clark considers them "a disgrace to our government, as they are cut and slashed in all shapes and otherwise mutilated, presenting a slovenly appearance." Our correspondent fails to realize that the government is trying to serve not the stamp collector but the people at large as represented in the patronage of the various mailing machines now on the market.

—R. K. Shaw writes the WEEKLY in appreciation of the pretty covers that we are advertising for premium purposes. He believes that the collectors of entires should organize in order that a medium of exchange may be provided.

—H. Leonard reports a half dozen collectors with whom he has had unsatisfactory dealings:—B. D. Goode, Boydton, Va., now of Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Va.; A. W. Brooks, 21½ Wethersfield Av., Hartford, Conn.; Walter Straight, Pleasant Point, N. B., Can.; J. P. Kelly, 55 S. Spring St., Concord, N. H.; A. Stewart, 1406 W. Lake St., Chicago, Ill. and Gilbert Foster, 701 Hoyt St., Portland, Ore.



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Marvelous—If there is anyone who is entitled to a seat in the philatelic academy of immortals, it is Mr. William R. Ricketts, Forty Fort, Pennsylvania, chairman of the philatelic literature committee and the philatelic index committees, respectively, of the American Philatelic Society. A sturdy start has been made on that heretofore nebulous proposition, the great philatelic index. What Mr. Ricketts already has accomplished proves that he is possessed of the capacity for infinite pains and the ability to encompass labor almost inconceivably patient. He is performing a task that when in the future, it is completed will mark a step of progression that will give to America the satisfaction of knowing that it has been a benefactor to philately in a world sense. We may add that Mr. Rickett's philatelic library is now one of the best in the world.

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A Rare Bird—The following letter was addressed to Parnassus Penflip by Edward M. Rosenthal, Chicago, but as letters sent recently to Mr. Penflip have been returned with the explanation: "Moved and Left No Address," we have secured Mr. Rosenthal's consent to publish his communication here: "My dear Parnassus: I trust I may be permitted to call your attention to Mr. Freeman Putney's article, 'How Common Stamps Grow Scarce,' and more especially to the 'Quintzel' (depicted on the stamps of Guatemala). Since this word was mentioned twice in the same paragraph by Mr. Putney and the spellings were identical, I take it that the time-worn excuse of 'printer's devil,' etc., cannot be set forth in this case. Mr. Putney remarks that 'some exact gentleman would pick me up if I called that bird a parrot.' I have no desire to argue as to my being either the noun designating a degree of gentleness or my temperament as to the qualifying adjective. The facts, however, are as follows: The Century Dictionary calls this beast 'Quetzal,' pronounced 'Kwet-sal.' This strange and gaudy bird is described as 'the paradise-trogon.' Other permissible spellings are 'Quesal' and 'Quijal.' Trusting that you will give this important and epoch-making correction due publicity, I remain," etc. The Standard Dictionary allows the use of "Quezal" by the fastidious members of the exclusive set.

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Caught—Dr. W. K. Beatty, Vigan, Ilocos Sur, Philippines, writes: "There is an editorial in the issue of January 20th, 1912, about the new Nicaraguan stamps that looks rather funny to me, the remark, 'The boat proceeding on its way without disembarking the stamps, *probably to New Orleans,* as our information comes from that city.' The underscoring is mine; this boat touched at Corinto; if it proceeded from Corinto to New Orleans, it will still be proceeding at this date, probably somewhere near Argentina going north (at this writing) as the Panama Canal is not yet a fact. It will have to go around the Horn to get to New Orleans from Corinto, the latter being on the west coast of Nicaragua. I thought to see a correction in the issue of Jan. 27th, but the point I noticed seemed to have escaped our editor's and others attention, notwithstanding philatelists pride themselves on their knowledge of geography." We appreciate the effectiveness of Dr. Beatty's casual comment (made in the course of a longer letter) and falling back on our informant's statement, it is found that mechanically, we repeated what had been reported to us,—but this is so poor an excuse that it is worse than none.

Good Ones—Occasionally the questions that are asked us are such as to impress those who are supposed to typify the sources of information as being singularly embracive. For instance, Mr. D. C. Battley, Secretary-Treasurer of the Seattle Philatelic Club submits the following essentially interesting and significant questions: The names of all the Postmaster-Generals from Franklin to the present time and time they served. 2. What is the law concerning the possession of a plate of a U. S. stamp? Is it unlawful to have photos or engravings of U. S. stamps if made in another country? 3. The formula of the gum on back of U. S. stamps if it is not a secret one. 4. How many and what are they of the forgeries of U. S. stamps? 5. Who is the owner of the best collection of U. S. stamps in the world and what is it worth?" A list of postmaster-generals from Franklin to Hitchcock, with time served will be made the subject of a special article that will appear in print soon. A bald compilation of names and dates such as may be gathered from historical reference works would ignore phases of certain of the administrations that have an indirect philatelic bearing, at least. Mr. Geo. H. Worthington and Lord Crawford have the best collections of United States stamps in existence but we could only theorize as to their value.

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To Continue—We are told that the possession of a plate of a U. S. stamp is illegal and that the plate would be confiscated and the holder held liable to penalty. Possession of photos of U. S. stamps if made abroad are not recognized as lawful property by the authorities even though they may take no steps of seizure. An officer informs us that some judgment is supposed to be exercised in the consideration of cases of this kind. Forgeries of United States regular issues are rarely found. The ninety-cent, 1857-60, has been imitated in line engraving but the forgery is not dangerous. The two-cent, 1894, was counterfeited to deceive the government. Some of the envelopes have been rather poorly forged and the big newspaper stamps have received a bit of similar attention, while the semi-officials, etc., have not been entirely neglected. A few revenue stamps have been forged to defraud the government.

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A resident of Ocean Island, now on a holiday visit to Sydney, has informed us that the supply of the ½d value of the Pandanus tree series is running short, and that instructions have been sent home for a stock of all values with a portrait of King George. In additon to those now in use, there will probably be three or four additional denominations including two or three above the 1sh value. It is stated that the new stamps will be on sale about June or July.

Our informant acquainted us that there are in all from 60 to 100 white people on Ocean Island. This district is only 30 miles from the equator and the climate, although pretty hot all the year round, is salubrious.—*Aust. Stamp Journal.*

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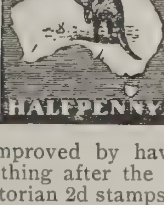
The stamp before us is the essence of simplicity, but it looks like as if something had been cut off both sides of it, and we are decidedly of opinion that it would be improved by having a wider frame, something after the character of the first Victorian 2d stamps. However, we accept the Postmaster-General's decision, and we shall endeavour to refrain from worrying him over the subject, as has been done by our confreres in regard to the new King George British stamps.



It will be noticed, however, that the design does not bear the word "postage," and so far as our memory serves us it was decided about eleven years ago that in future all Commonwealth stamps intended for postal purposes must bear the word "postage" vide the Victorian stamps issued in January and June, 1901, and other new Australian stamps issued since.—*Aust. Stamp Journal.*

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HOW "REMAINDERS" VANISH.

By Freeman Putney, Jr.

About fifteen years ago—possibly a little longer, as I am depending upon memory—the remainders of the Venezuela issue of the 1883 types came upon the market. These included both the "Correos" and "Escueles" sets, also the same stamps with the peculiar surcharge formed by the national arms on a background of fine diagonal lines. Nearly all except some of the highest values of these remainders could be had by the thousands and ten thousands at wholesale, and were sold on approval sheets marked at 2c each. Today, the 5c green can still be bought at wholesale but most of the other values have disappeared from the wholesale market and have also gone up a little in the catalogue. These stamps form another example of the way in which seemingly respectable supplies fade away.

Quite a chapter could be written on the various remainders of the several issues of Venezuela if only access could be had to the proper data. Unfortunately, the philatelic doings of this country have not always been in the broad daylight, as witness the clandestine (or worse) printings of the map stamps of 1896, but it is to be hoped that some one will give us a history of Venezuela stamps before what information there is grows too cold.

Returning to our commoner varieties, the remainders of the 1893 and 1899 types, together with their surcharges, were thrown upon the market so recently that it seems impossible for them to have already grown "better," but dealers will tell you that the more attractive colors have already become pretty well absorbed.

It is a striking commentary on the color taste of the great army of small boys, to note how the bright-hued stamps, such as the reds and the oranges, become exhausted more quickly than the sombre greens and blues and grays. I could name many instances where such stamps have become the "scarce" ones in a set, although originally existing in quantities as great as the others.

The small heads of Roumania used to be very freely offered not many years ago but they are getting to be much better property, even the common 1880, 15b brown.

The common Portugal, cataloguing from 1c to 3c each, have never been particularly popular in this country, but have grown much better since the political changes of the last three years. The low values of the 1894, Prince Henry set, and 1898, Vasco da Gama, were formerly quite cheap at wholesale, but the 25r green of the latter issue is now about the only one that can be had low enough for the average dealer to handle.

Peru is another country which to a dealer's mind, instantly brings up a vision of unlimited remainders. They certainly did seem practically unlimited when they came on the market late in the '90's. Their number included practically all those priced at reasonable figures in the catalogue, beginning with the 1874 issue and running to the "Universal Postal Union" type of 1895. Some of the cheaper stamps were scattered about the country by many thousands, in packets and on cheap approval sheets, but with very few exceptions they are getting to be good grade stock now. It has taken only a little over a decade to absorb them.

Paraguay is another South American country which has always been popular, but had a few very common stamps. The 1c gray, "Centavos" and "Centavo," types of 1892 and 1896, used to sell for a cent apiece at retail and could be had at a surprisingly small price by the hundred. Today they have jumped to 4c and 3c each in the catalogue and the wholesale stocks of them are pretty well used up. Some later varieties of Paraguay which were common for a time but have since jumped several hundred per cent. both at wholesale and at retail are several varieties of the 1900 sets.

The Scandinavians illustrate remarkably well the way in which unsensational but steady popularity will eventually absorb large quantities of common stamps.

Sweden has always been an easy country, in which any boy can secure a good sized variety of copies, and is usually a beginner's favorite. The old 12o value of 1858 used to be obtainable at a very few cents a hundred, and one could find several of the ultramarine color in every hundred at that. The ultramarine now sells at 6c and fine copies are not easy to keep in stock. Most of the odd values of the later Sweden sets have gone up a little at retail and considerably at wholesale. The Postage Dues and the long Officials have advanced greatly at wholesale and most of them can no longer be considered as packet stamps.

In Norway much the same conditions exist, although the beginner does not take to Norwegian stamps quite as rapidly as to the Swedish, partly because of the difficulty of distinguishing "shaded" from "unshaded" posthorn, and of Roman capital letters from Egyptian. Both difficulties, of course, vanish after a little study.

In Denmark, nearly all the values of the 1874 issues used to be considered common, but some of them, particularly the 25o gray and green, are now desirable stock. Of the little square early issues, the brown 4s always used to be common, but that day has gone forever, particularly in the case of the rouletted variety.

Speaking of these early Denmarks, it is a wonder to me that more collectors who have contributed to the Weekly's symposium on scarce stamps have not mentioned the various high values of early issues of this country. Try to pick up a few of these in really fine condition and you will appreciate what I mean.

Brazil affords another instance where popularity has used up the supply of cheap stamps. I don't suppose that all the dealers in this country, combined, this year, have a hundred copies of the 10r black, 1882, on their various approval sheets. Yet there was a time when this stamp and the 10r orange of the same type were among the cheapest unused, South American's dealers could utilize. The black has now jumped to 8c and the orange to 4c.

The 100r lilac, numerals on square tablet in centre, is another old stamp which used to be very common, and its dingy, dull appearance was so far from attractive that one wonders where the thousands of collectors came from who must have bought the supply. They must exist, however, because the big stocks of that little Brazilian are cleaned out. Another 100r of the same country is the blue and red, Liberty head of 1891. This used to be difficult to give away, but is quite a little better at wholesale than its former nominal price.

Whatever has become of all the supply of the first two issues of the Postal Packet stamps of Belgium? The first were never so common as to be in the "rubbish" class, but it used to seem as if there were plenty of them. Nevertheless, today, they range from 4c to 15c in the catalogue. Of the second issue, which used to be available for 2c and 3c approval sheets, the only common one left is the 50c carmine. Those others which were formerly common now list from 3c to 10c each, while the 2fr, which always used to be fairly good, is up to 20c and the 15c gray got a belated recognition as a really scarce stamp by jumping eventually to 35c.

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A correspondent suggests that an article dealing with hard-to-get stamps would be appreciated by our readers. We invite contributions to a symposium, suggesting that it be confined to stamps that catalog $2.00 and under. We shall hope to have a sufficient number of entries to make a worthy contribution to our columns.

(*Contributed by Laurence P. Dodge.*)

I have noticed from time to time communications in the Weekly about stamps cataloguing under $2.00 which are hard to get. Some I have agreed to be hard and others have not seemed so bad after all. There are a few, however, I have not seen mentioned at all and as I have needed them all for a long time and have tried hard to get them, I would like to have them included in the list. They are as follows:—Afghanistan 199, Curacao 70, Antioquia 352, Madagascar 63, (if it exists at all which I doubt), New Caledonia 83, Queensland 109a, Roumania 175, Siam 69 and Venezuela 221. None of these stamps are priced anywhere near $2.00 and yet they seem impossible to locate.

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CHRONICLE OF NEW ISSUES AND VARIETIES

Edited by HENRY A. KIDDER.

Any information regarding new issues will be gratefully received and acknowledged. Address HENRY A. KIDDER, 17 Addison St., Arlington, Mass. Letters calling for a reply should contain a self-addressed, stamped envelope. We cannot give applicants the addresses of our correspondents. Correspondence regarding precancelled stamps must be sent to FRANK B. ELDREDGE, Attleboro, Mass., when due credit will be given in this department.

UNITED STATES.—Wm. Lloyd also sends us a copy of the new perforation of the officially sealed stamp, which is rouletted 6 or 7.

BOLIVIA.—Hermann Focke and the L. L. Albright Co. have shown us specimens of a new provisional postage stamp from Bolivia, the 1c blue fiscal stamp of 1910 being surcharged in five lines in red, "10 10—Correos—10—Centavos—1912." The first figures are arranged over the old figures of value in the upper corners. There appears to be two distinct types of the surcharge—possibly the examination of a full sheet would disclose still others.

Provisional Adhesive.

"10 Centavos" on 1c blue.

BRUNEI.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us the 30c in new colors, but still bi-colored, those recently chronicled having been in a single color.

Adhesive.

30c orange and purple.

BULGARIA.—*Ewen's Weekly* reports that the 3s value of the current set is coming in dull carmine and black instead of bright red and black.

COOK ISLANDS.—*Ewen's Weekly* reports having seen the ½d value of the current set perforated 14.

COSTA RICA.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us several values of the Telegraph stamps of 1907, surcharged "Correos—Dos centavos—2," as noted in No. 1104. The last figure in the surcharge is so placed as to cover the old value in the circle at the bottom of the stamp, while "Correos" covers the word "Telegrafos" at the top. All the surcharges are in black.

Provisional Adhesives.

On Telegraph stamps of 1907.
"Dos centavos" on 50c red violet
"Dos centavo" on 1 colon brown.
"Dos centavos" on 2 colones carmine.
"Dos centavos" on 5 colones green.
"Dos centavos" on 10 colones plum.

FIJI ISLANDS.—The *Schweizer Briefmarken Zeitung* reports the issue of two King George stamps for this colony, on multiple paper, perforated 14.

Adhesives.

½d green.
1sh black on green.

FRANCE.—Mr. Schachne has the double Pneumatic letter card for Paris of the same design as the single which was noticed in No. 1112.

Pneumatic Letter Card.

30x30c violet on gray.

FRENCH CONGO.—Mr. Schachne has sent us the reduced rate letter card which is precisely the same as the previous issue.

Letter Card.

10c rose on gray.

GREAT BRITAIN.—*Ewen's Weekly* reports having received the 9d King Edward stamp, in new colors, the frame being in pale blue and the centre very dark lilac.

KEDAH.—Aug. P. Zeller reports having seen the low values of the new set for this native state in the Straits Settlements. *Ewen's Weekly* says that the design is far superior to either Kelantan or Trengganu. The principal features of the design are branches of palm in the centre, with figures of value in each of the four corners. Presumably the new stamps are printed on multiple CA paper, but of this fact we are not yet sure. All are in two colors.

Adhesives.

1c green and black.
2c red and black.
4c gray and black.
5c brown and black.
8c blue and black.

MIDDLE CONGO.—J. N. Morse has shown us the first we have seen of Middle Congo cards, although said to have been issued in 1907. Can anyone inform us more definitely as to date of issue? They have stamps as illustrated in Scott A1 and A2 and the designs and material are as formerly for the French colonies.

Post Card.

10c red and blue on greenish.

Letter Cards.

10c red and blue on gray.
25c blue and green on rose.

NICARAGUA.—Hermann Focke reports a new 5c provisional official stamp from Nicaragua similar to the 10c official noted in No. 1116, the same type of surcharge and same stamp being used, but with the additional postal surcharge, "Correos—Vale—15 cts—1911," on the back, with a heavy bar through the "15 cts."

SIAM.—Mr. Schachne has shown us varieties of surcharge on the local cards mentioned two years ago in No. 1007. That on the 3s is 12mm long instead of 11 and the character for 3 is 5½mm above instead of 4. The measures on 5s are 12½mm and 5¾ instead of 11½ and 4. The character for "5" is also quite changed. In both cases there has been a new set-up and of slightly different type. Both cards have the embossed arms at left.

Post Cards.

3 satang on 1¼ black and red on yellow.
5 satang on 1½ black and red on yellow.

PITY THE POOR P. M.

To get an idea of what we have to do in an average day in our offices and the time employed in doing it, from the time we open office in the morning until we close it at night, we ought to keep a record or minute of all our official acts and doings for a day now and then. Such a record would read like this: "Opened office at 7 a. m., built fire, swept out, changed postmarking stamps, cleaned and inked pads, sold a postal card (purchaser gave 25 cents to take the penny out of), asked for pen and ink or pencil with which to write it, then said, 'Won't you just write this card for me to A. B.?' (This took about five minutes). Sold two envelopes (had to make change and keep track of the number of envelopes sold, etc.). Man wanted to send some money by mail; had not decided how to send, whether by money order or registered letter; had to discuss this matter with him; finally decided on money order; looked in list, found place he wished to send money to, not a money order office; necessary to send by registered letter; sender did not have the right change; Postmaster had to make it for him, also give two paper dollars for two silver ones; sender could not write much, wanted Postmaster to address letter, but this not permissible; sender had to go out and get letter addressed—then return and get and affix stamp (twenty minutes of Postmaster's time consumed). Mail from East arrives; must be opened and distributed at once; back stamp letters, notice if errors in distribution; people waiting impatiently; some missent mail, some misdirected; one special delivery letter for patron who lives about a mile from post office must be recorded and sent out at once; nearly time for next mail to be made up, stamps to sell, letter to register, money order to issue, everybody in a hurry. Mail put in pouch and pouch locked; messenger waiting; in rushes patron with one or two letters that he wants to go in this mail; Postmaster asks messenger to wait; unlocks pouch, takes out the packages, unties them, postmarks the belated letters and puts them in the proper packages which he reties again and replaces in the pouch which must now be relocked and delivered to the messenger again."

Cayman Is. 1902, ¼p, 1p, (2 var.)	single CA	.14
Montserrat 1903, 2½p	" "	.10
Somaliland 1904, ½p, 1p, (2 var.)	" "	.06
So. Nigeria 1902, ½p, 1p, (2 var.)	" "	.24
Uganda 1902, ½a, 2½a, (2 var.)	" "	.18

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AN OLD ONE.

May Irwin is perhaps America's most noted feminine story-teller. She is, so to speak, the Chauncina Depew of her sex. She recalls a visit of Beerbohm Tree to America, an incident of which occurred in a New York drug store sub-post office.

"Please let me see your stamps," said the English actor-manager.

The clerk, thinking him an inspector of some sort, placed on the counter two sections of 1 and 2 cent stamps. Tree adjusted his monocle and looked the blues and reds over very carefully. After much silent deliberation he put his long finger on a 2-cent stamp in the middle of the sheet, and said:

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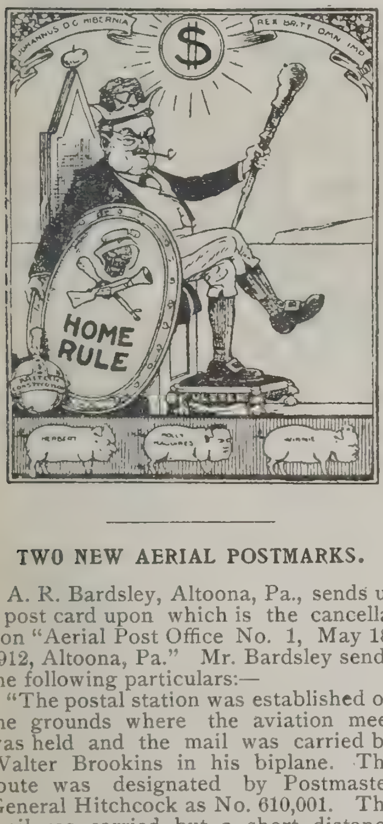
The *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly* reproduces from a weekly pictorial newspaper called *The Throne*, a suggestion for the first Irish postage stamp. We will leave it to our readers to translate into words the remarkable production that has emanated from the brain of the artist:—



TWO NEW AERIAL POSTMARKS.

A. R. Bardsley, Altoona, Pa., sends us a post card upon which is the cancellation "Aerial Post Office No. 1, May 18, 1912, Altoona, Pa." Mr. Bardsley sends the following particulars:—

"The postal station was established on the grounds where the aviation meet was held and the mail was carried by Walter Brookins in his biplane. The route was designated by Postmaster General Hitchcock as No. 610,001. The mail was carried but a short distance but served the purpose of adding a great deal of interest to the meet."

Another postmark bearing the date of May 22 reaches us from Baton Rouge, La., by courtesy of R. J. Hummel. Mr. Hummel informs us that the card was sent from Baton Rouge to New Orleans and thence despatched to its destination. In addition to the Baton Rouge postmark the card bears the aerial cancellation consisting of five horizontal lines with four stars at the extreme right inclosed between the first and fifth lines. Three other horizontal lines are separated from those above by the following, "U. S. Aerial Mail Service" in *sans serif* capital letters.

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MANUFACTURE OF STAMPS.

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Examine the stamp by holding it to the light and you will discern a dim watermarking, consisting of some portion of the letters "U. S." in block outline. A simple little affair, indeed, but the steps involved in turning out 30,000-000 of its counterparts a day are varied and by no means devoid of interest.

The paper on which the stamps are printed is the cheapest sort of wood pulp stock, weighing about fourteen pounds to every 480 sheets of the size of 17 by 22. A rag stock, though tougher and stronger, would not be suitable, as its surface, lacking porosity, would interfere with the process of gumming.

The watermark placed there as a safeguard against counterfeiting is formed while the paper is being made. As the damp fibers are being woven together the mesh passes beneath a copper cylinder, called a dandy roll, on which are raised the letters "U. S." in groups very close together.

These press against the soft forming sheet, somewhat changing the position of the fibers which they touch, and making the points of contact a trifle more transparent than the rest of the paper.

While the stamps of nearly all the European countries are printed from electrotypes, those of North and South America are printed from steel plates.

The United States government has spent much time and money in experimenting to find the most satisfactory method, and has adopted that of engraving, although it costs somewhat more than that employed abroad.

On comparing our stamps with those of France, for instance, one notices a marked difference. The former are more clear in detail and stronger in color than the latter, while they fade far less rapidly and are better able to withstand the assaults of the elements.

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J. W. SCOTT ON THE EXHIBITION.

(*Metropolitan Philatelist.*)

The Stamp Exhibition is now the most important item of conversation amongst collectors. Who will exhibit? What will they show, and what chance has the ordinary collector? The average philatelist appears to be afraid that the conditions will be set so high that none but millionaires can compete. We want to remove this idea from the minds of all. There will be classes for both big and little, for great value and great care, for artistic arrangement and profound research. The last word has not been written about any country. Mr. J. B. Leavy made his name known through the world by a careful study of the despised Seebecks. Every collector cannot buy a 2c Hawaii Missionary, but fifty stamps of a dozen different countries can be arranged to make a much handsomer showing and to convey information that a single stamp, however rare, cannot give. It is the desire of the management to make the Exhibition a veritable college of Philately that every one can attend for the week it will be open and all leave wiser than when they entered. Stamps will be shown in the making, in the using as exemplified by a model post office, and as collected by the finest specimens that have ever been produced throughout the world, arranged in accordance with the views of the greatest experts of all civilized nations. Now is the time to remodel your collection if you think it possible of improvement. Fill up blank spaces, replace all damaged stamps and get everything in shipshape order. We hear a great deal about badly perforated stamps; they are as much in order as the finest. Your handwriting is not illustrated by a carefully written line but by the average letter that leaves your hand. The same rule applies to postage stamps. Mint specimens are those in the condition in which they left the post office, good or bad. A perfectly centered set of the first issue of British Solomon Isles does not represent the stamps of that distant possession of Great Britain, nor does a badly centered stamp (if one can be found) illustrate the stamps of Seychelles. The fundamental idea in stamp collecting is to show the world's artistic culture in a small space and no other series of objects on earth can do this as well as an ordinary stamp album. Herein lies the popularity of stamp collecting which commenced with the first hundred stamps which made their appearance and will last as long as stamps are issued and civilization continues on earth. The Exhibition will show all this and more, too. We therefore call upon all amateurs to get their collections in order and to do everything in their power to help their fellow collectors and the Exhibition which will do so much good for them individually and the cause in general.

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Meetings first (informal) and third (regular) Tuesdays, Room 322, Tremont Bdg., 7.30 P. M.

BOSTON, MASS., May 21, 1912.

The 270th (regular) meeting of the Society was held at the Club Room this evening with 25 members and friends present. In the absence of both the President and Vice-President, Mr. E. M. Carpenter presided.

The following was read:—

Library Report for April and May, 1912.

There have been added to the Library since the last report:—Virginia Philatelist, Vol. III. (rebound and repaired), The Philatelist, Vols. 7-8 and 9-10 (rebound), Philatelic Era, Vol. X (repaired), 5 Vols. MEKEEL'S WEEKLY, 1907-11, (bound). By donation:—2153 miscellaneous papers and magazines from E. F. Sawyer, Report Bureau Engraving and Printing, 1911, from Bureau, Wolsieffer's 120th Auction Sale, priced, from P. M. Wolsieffer, Klein's 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7th Auction Sales, priced, from Eugene Klein, Inc., and the following magazines, generously donated by the publishers: Gibbons' Monthly, Postage Stamp, MEKEEL'S WEEKLY, Stamp Journal, Berliner Briefmarken-Zeitung, Redfield's Weekly, Philatelic Journal of Great Britain, Scott Stamp & Coin Co. Circular, Philatelic Gazette, Roessler's Stamp News, Collectors' Journal, New England Stamp Monthly and Griebert's Philatelic Notes and Offers.

The following were elected members:—
No. 559, Wm. C. Polk.
No. 560, Ernest W. Gilson.

A letter was read from the Secretary of the International Stamp Exhibition in New York and it was voted to have the President appoint a committee of three to co-operate with them in behalf of the Boston Philatelic Society.

Mr. Carpenter made an appeal for a larger membership in the American Philatelic Society from among the B. P. S. members and other philatelists of this vicinity, especially in view of the approaching Convention in Springfield.

There being no entries in the competition, it was voted to hold it again at the June meeting, making the number of stamps 25 instead of 50, and several entries were promised under these conditions. The same prizes will be offered.

C. A. HOWES, Sec.

PLAIN POSTMARKS.

The attention of postmasters is called to paragraph 3, section 567, Postal Laws and Regulations, which requires that postmark impressions shall be so made that each letter and figure will be distinct. Complaints received at the Department indicate that this regulation is not carefully observed at all post-offices.

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WITH THE BOY PHILATELIST.

Edited by BERTRAM W. H. POOLE, Box 231, Altadena, Calif.

We propose to insert upon this page matter that will be of interest to the boy collector. Some two thousand boys are now on our mailing list and it is our desire to come closely in contact with them in such a manner as will be most helpful. Any information desired will be cheerfully rendered through these columns. Do not submit stamps for examination.

BELGIUM "SUNDAY LABEL" STAMPS.

A correspondent, suddenly developing a remarkably keen appetite for information regarding the so-called "Sunday Label" stamps of Belgium, bombards me with a shoal of questions such as, What are they for? Why are some stamps with and some without them? Why do some have labels at top and others at top and bottom? and as I do not think I have yet referred to these stamps in the WEEKLY I have no doubt other readers will be glad of information on the subject.

Ever since 1893 Belgian stamps have had a small label attached to the base inscribed in French "NE PAS LIVRER LE DIMANCHE," and Flemish "NIFT BESTELLEN OP ZONDAG" both meaning "Not to be delivered on Sunday." Any correspondence posted on Saturdays franked with stamps from which the small label has not been removed are not delivered on Sundays. If the small labels are detached—and their removal is a simple matter as they are perforated—then letters are delivered in the usual way. When the first stamps with these labels were issued the idea was not to continue their use indefinitely but to try to ascertain the wishes of the general public on the subject of the Sunday delivery of letters. Evidently it was found that opinions on the matter were about equally divided so that the labels have been continued in use to the present time. Thus strict Sabbatarians frank their letters with stamps having the labels attached while those hardened sinners who prefer to have letters delivered as quickly and often as possible just tear off the labels before affixing the stamps.

Stamps with label at top and those with two labels, one at top and one at bottom, are simply freaks caused by separating the rows of stamps incorrectly. The philatelic interest of such varieties is remote in the extreme. The same correspondent asks, "Why does Scott's 1911 catalogue record some as only with labels while others are recorded both ways?" This is merely a whim on the part of the cataloguers for, of course, all varieties from No. 46 of the ordinary stamps and No. 122 of the newspaper stamps can be collected with and without label if desired. Most collectors, however, treat the varieties without the label as incomplete and, in the case of the scarcer kinds, they are certainly of less value in this state.

It will be noted that on all the stamps issued from 1893 to date the two inscriptions in the label are placed one above the other but in the new issue now appearing they are placed side by side.

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Rarely a week passes without bringing me at least one query such as "What are precanceled stamps," or, "What does precanceled mean?" So that once again I will essay a short explanation. Precanceled stamps are stamps canceled before posting. The cancellations are, however, not effected in the usual manner with a postmark but are applied by means of the printing press to whole sheets of stamps at a time. The inscription of the cancellations is, as a rule, confined to the name of the town and State enclosed between bars. They are issued in this ready cancelled state to firms desirous of mailing large quantities of circulars, etc. at a time and their use entails a considerable saving of labor in handling such quantities of mail matter at the Post-offices.

SHORT REPLIES.

S. M. R. (Fayetteville, N. C.)—The reason why so many United States stamps have been issued in imperforate condition of late years is so that they can be used in the many automatic stamp-vending machines that have been placed on the market. The Government has now travelled a step farther in meeting the wishes of users of these machines by selling the stamps rolled in coils.

E. B. C. (Oregon City)—The various initials showing on the margins of the sheets of United States stamps are those of workmen who have attended to the "laying down" of those particular plates.

A. W. (Sutherland, Neb.)—The Indian stamp overprinted "C. E. F." you cannot find in the catalogue, is one of the set for the China Expeditionary Force listed on page 376 of Scott's 1911 edition. These stamps were first issued in 1900 for the use of the British troops employed in China during the Boxer troubles and they are still used in Pekin and other towns where British troops are still stationed.

R. A. C. (Oak Lane, Pa.)—The envelopes you mention without stamps are interesting as postal curiosities but have no particular value as prepayment of postage was not compulsory at that period.

R. L. B. (Chicago)—The Belgium 5c orange brown and 5c green stamps you mention as being "almost like the newspaper stamp of 1869-70 and 1884-91" are evidently Scott's No. 110 (or No. 114) and No. 121 respectively. (2) The surcharge of purple lines is probably a cancellation.

G. H. A. (Taunton, Mass.)—The "lightening flashes" or, as they are more usually termed, "thunderbolts" on certain of the stamps of Russia, are small arrow-shaped marks drawn through the small post-horns below the central coat-of-arms. (2) The corner letters on the British stamps of 1840, etc., do not constitute different varieties so far as the majority of collectors are concerned. The only people who bother about them are collectors trying to reconstruct plates. (3) You will find an explanation of the differences between single and multiple crown CA watermarks in last week's issue of the WEEKLY.

J. C. E. (Beach City, Ohio)—Scott's catalogue illustrates all the designs of the stamps of every country except those of the United States, to illustrate the latter being contrary to law. (2) The words "Du Pont" punched through your 2c stamp have no philatelic significance. Stamps are treated in this way by many large firms to prevent petty pilfering. (3) The catalogue value of this stamp is 8c.

Owing to the number of queries requiring attention this week "The Beginners' Guide" is unavoidably held over.

PRECANCELLED ERRORS.

F. L. SMITH.

Collectors of pre-cancelled postage stamps find that one or more differences occur in almost every issue. Whether all these differences should be called errors, and whether all should be collected, is a matter for each individual to decide upon. The specialist in gathering the history connected with his may properly want them; but the average collector may if the cause of the error be known, decide that some are of small interest. Information as to how these errors are made can seldom be had from the printer, and we must determine the matter by using our own judgment based upon what knowledge we have of printing methods. The methods of over-printing employed at the present are practically only two. The first consists in cancelling the stamps while in the sheet by a self inking hand roller having the design upon it in rubber. This is not a lasting material and the first impressions should be examined for errors, as after awhile the lines which at first were straight in crossing the stamp, will begin to curve and finally become wavy; or if the original design was a circle, as in Indianapolis, degenerate to an oval. Such a variation can hardly be called an error, and is only collectible if we wish to show the condition of the die. Akron with straight lines is a sample of a perfect stamp, and the wavy lines an imperfect one.

Double impressions from a roller are properly errors, and are not apt to be common, as usually but one row of stamps to the sheet will be impressed twice. It is caused by the roller, which has several dies upon it side by side, being started with the end die upon the last row previously cancelled.

It is in the second method of cancelling stamps that the greatest number of errors occur. In this the stamps are printed with a design set up separately for each stamp in type, or an electro of the same; in careless handling of the form a letter will get broken, a punctuation mark knocked off or the tail of a comma missing, and a number of other defects peculiar to type, some of which occur in printing. These are not original errors, but only imperfect specimens.

Lines running across the stamp are commonly printed with brass rule, one edge of which is a fine line, and the other, the thickness of the rule. Generally the thick edge is turned upwards to make a heavy line. Occasionally a mistake is made, and the thin edge is put up. This results in a wide and narrow line enclosing the town and state name; but to be sure this is the case; the line should be clear and sharp. A rule that is not perfectly upright in the chase, or as printers say, off its feet, will print the edge, thereby making a fine line. This can usually be told by one edge of the line not being sharp.

In spacing the ruled lines, errors are common from not placing the same number of leads between each, and occur in Chicago, and in fact in nearly all issues of lined stamps. Mr. Eagle has in his possession a 10 cent Chicago apparently first issue, but with lines the same distance apart as the wide dated specimens. As I do not find this in any other value of the first issue, it would appear to be an ordinary 10 cent stamp where the date dropped out before printing or most likely pulled out by adhesion during the printing, an accident that sometimes happens.

In stamps having single or double bars, or in other words where the lines are shorter than the stamp is wide, errors occur, and always in this manner. In cutting up the rule to the normal length, the remaining end will be so nearly the right size that the printer will use it rather than cut a new piece. In the first issue of Attica, three such errors are known. The variations in Scranton are of a different character, and an entire sheet is needed to explain the reason for so many breaks in the lines.

Errors occur in the space between words and dates, and are due to an extra space being put in to tighten up the line. In printing the stamps, when a fresh supply of ink is put on the table, if too much is used, you will have thicker letters and in some styles of type the dot to an i will be joined to the lower part, making it look like an l, or a c be closed, appearing to be an o.

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OLD U. S. POSTAL REGULATIONS.

By FRED GOSHERT.

If there is one thing that I like to do more than others, it is to rummage among old books, papers and correspondence. "Just to see what I can find" expresses the reason exactly. Recently in going through a box of such, belonging to a grand-father, a one time postmaster in a little village long since discontinued because of rural delivery, I came across some old Postal Guides and Postal Laws and Regulations. In going through these I found some very interesting reading, from a philatelic point of view.

For instance, how many are aware that at one time Uncle Sam used to sell postage stamps at a discount from face value. In the P. L. and R. of 1866 I find the following:—

"SEC. 307. The Postmaster General is authorized to sell, or cause to be sold to individuals, corporations and business firms, postage stamps, in quantities of not less than one hundred dollars in value, at a discount not exceeding five per centum from the face value of such stamps, and to sell, or cause to be sold, stamped envelopes, in packages containing not less than five hundred envelopes, at a discount not exceeding five per centum from the current prices thereof when sold in less quantities."

On the same page is a regulation, which if taken literally today, would put an end to all traffic in U. S. stamps by dealers in a hurry.

"SEC. 303. It shall not be lawful for any postmaster or other person to sell any postage stamp or stamped envelope for any larger sum than that indicated upon the face of such postage stamp, or for a larger sum than that charged therefor by the Post Office Department; and any person who shall violate this provision shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof shall be fined in any sum not less than ten nor more than five hundred dollars. This act to take effect, and be in force from and after the commencement of the next fiscal quarter after its passage."

The above, of course, is intended to apply to P. O. employees selling stamps to patrons for postage. Since stamp dealers were a neglible quantity at that time this was sufficient. The present regulation reads:—

"No postmaster of any class, or other person connected with the postal service, entrusted with the sale or custody of postage stamps, etc., * * * * *" making the distinction quite clear.

Up to 1870, it was the occasional practice, in emergencies, to bisect stamps and use each portion for postage as half the value of the original stamp. Judging from the prices in the catalogue, where they are listed as minor varieties, this was not extensively indulged in. In the P. L. & R. of 1873 this practice was prohibited by the following regulation:

"SEC. 402. Fractional parts of postage stamps cannot be recognized in prepayment of postage. For example, a letter or package to which one two-cent stamp and the half of another two-cent stamp are affixed cannot be considered as having been prepaid threc cents, but only two cents; and a letter or package on which eighteen cents postage is chargeable cannot be prepaid in full by affixing a six-cent stamp and the half of a twenty-four-cent stamp, &c., &c."

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" not British (except Cuba)	.34

In view of these rates, it behooved one who was so unfortunate as to have friends in "furrin parts" to write little and to the point.

In 1875, the Post Office Department, in honor of the Centennial to be held in Philadelphia the following year, prepared reprints of each series of stamps issued under its auspices, beginning with the 5 and 10c of 1847 and included the then current series of 1870. The official stamps of all of the departments and the newspaper and periodical stamps up to the issue of 1874, were included in this reissue. In a postal guide of that year appeared the official announcement, dated March 27, 1875, in part as follows:

"The Department is prepared to furnish, upon application, *at face value*, specimens of adhesive postage stamps issued under its auspices, as follows:"

Then is given the list of the various issues, their denominations, and the face value per set. The rest of the announcement is herewith given complete and contains a great deal of interesting information:—

"The 1847 and 1851 stamps are obsolete, and no longer receivable for postage. The subsequent issues of ordinary stamps are still valid. The newspaper and periodical stamps of 1865 are also uncurrent; those of the issue of 1874 can be used only by publishers and news agents for matter mailed in bulk, under the Act of June 23, 1874. The official stamps cannot be used except for the official business of the particular Department for which provided.

All the specimens furnished will be *ungummed*; and the official stamps will have printed across the face the word 'Specimen,' in small type. It will be useless to apply for *gummed* stamps, or for official stamps with the word 'Specimen' omitted.

The stamps will be sold by sets, and application must not be made for less than one full set of any issue, except the State Department official stamps and the newspaper and periodical stamps of the issue of 1874. The regular set of the former will embrace all the denominations, from 1 cent to 90 cents, inclusive, valued at $2; and any or all of the other denominations ($2, $5, $10 and $20,) will be added or sold separately from the regular set, as desired.

The newspaper and periodical stamps will be sold in quantities of not less than two dollars' worth in each case, of any denomination or denominations that may be ordered.

Stamps of any one denomination of any issue will be sold in quantities of two dollars' worth and upward.

Under no circumstances will stamps be sold for less than their face value.

Payment must invariably be made in advance in current funds of the United States. Mutilated currency, internal revenue and postage stamps, bank checks and drafts, will not be accepted, but will in all cases be returned to the sender.

To insure greater certainty of transmission, it is strongly urged that remittances be made either by money-order or registered letter. Applicants will also include a sufficient amount for return postage and registry fee, it being desirable to send the stamps by registered letter. Losses in the mails or by any mode of transmission must be at the risk of the purchaser.

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No other stamps will be sold than are included in the above list; and specimens of stamped envelopes (either official or ordinary), or of envelope stamps, postal cards, or *used* stamps, will not be furnished in any case.

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The entire five sets of the reissues of the postage stamps for public use, including the two 1c carrier stamps of 1851, could have been purchased for a few cents less than $10.00, but evidently very few were interested enough to avail themselves of this opportunity or else they were not preserved, for the catalogue value of the same five sets today is in the neighborhood of $1000. What would one of us give now for this same opportunity as was offered in 1875, provided that this offer was not made to any one else?

The set of 1870 is not a reissue but a special printing and is the rarest set of all. This is explained by the fact that the 1870 issue was in use in 1875 and the collectors at that time were not wide-awake enough to realize that the Centennial special printing of that set was a distinct variety and so did not supply themselves with them.

NEWS GLEANINGS.

Under this heading we desire to publish all the news from the various philatelic centers. Correspondents' names will be given unless prohibited as we desire to give full credit for services rendered.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from R. E. Jessup (3), E. W. Bridge (3), Robt. L. Ekstrand, C. M. Breder (4).

—It was recently stated in the WEEKLY that the imprint "Bureau of Engraving and Printing" was soon to be omitted from our sheets of U. S. stamps. Herman W. Boers reports the new two-cent with imprint "A5896" only.

—Eugene Klein, Inc., will hold their tenth auction sale Friday and Saturday, June 14 and 15, at the salesroom of S. T. Freeman & Co., Philadelphia, Pa.

—Edw. W. Bridge sends us several clippings giving the particulars of the establishing of an aeroplane mail in connection with the aviation meet at Saugus, Mass., May 30-31. The mail was carried but a short distance but sufficiently far for the meet to take its place with the similar events that have been thus dignified. Mr. Bridge made every attempt to favor us with the aero cancellation, but the card came through minus the same. It slipped a cog somewhere.

—Some one nodded last week! In the article "History From Postage Stamps" W. D. Haigh refers to Martha Washington as "the mother of the world famous George Washington."

—A. B. Frawley favors us with a photographic post card upon which are reproductions of two Cuban inverts. One is the special delivery and the other a block of four of the 1c.

—Can any subscriber favor us with the address of Wynn Warwick? If so we shall greatly appreciate the courtesy extended.

—Wm. Beaumont of Worcester, Mass., was a recent visitor at the WEEKLY office and submitted for our inspection a book of Canadian lock seals. These are all dated in 1872 and establishes a fact in relation to these seals which is not generally known.

—Congress is considering the issue of new paper money, in bills of smaller size than those now in use, but of the same denominations. The suggested change is from three and four-tenths by seven and twenty-eight one-hundredths of an inch—the present size—to two and one-half by six inches. It is no paradox to say that a man's pocket will hold more of the small bills, and yet that he may not be able to get any more of them into it.

—The Apex Stamp Co. is with us for the first time this week, and will continue to be represented in future numbers. They carry a select stock of stamps and our readers will do well to open relations with them, especially in the approval department.

—Louis Eder of Newark, N. J., submits an aeroplane post card used between Heidelberg and Mannheim, Germany, on May 19. The postmark is circular in form and contains the following:—"Flug Post, Heidelberg-Mannheim, 19.5.12." On the reverse side of the Offizielle Luft-Post-Karte" are views of the castle at Heidelberg and one of the water towers of Mannheim, the central design showing an aeroplane in flight. Our correspondent intimates that this view card with the 10 pfennig stamp attached will be a scarce article.

—F. M. Mason, Providence, R. I., reports unsatisfactory business relations with Gilbert W. Emerson, Philadelphia, Pa. Upon request for formal statement from collecting agency the attorney replied as follows:—"Replying to letter wherein formal report is wanted I beg leave to advise that execution was issued and the wife filed a property claim, which claim I enclose herewith. With the sending of this I have closed the account on my books." The affidavit in question was submitted for our inspection, and is now in Mr. Mason's possession.

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COMMUNICATION.

(We do not hold ourselves responsible for the views expressed by our readers. Our columns are always open for communications of general interest.—Ed.)

NEWTON, May 25, 1912.

TO THE EDITOR:—

Some of your readers may be interested in reading my personal experience with the Mutual Stamp Exchange, conducted by Mr. I. C. Greene, of Leominster, Mass. and in which only members of the "A. P. S." can participate.

I have so far entered 191 books in this Exchange. The value of the first 100 books entered was $771.44. My credit for stamps taken from above was $529.11. Up to date I have taken stamps to a value of $635.88 from the Exchange, have a credit of nearly $60 and over 40 books still in the Exchange.

To my mind this Exchange is equitably and most successfully run. I consider it one of the principal benefits to be derived from membership in our National Society, and I think A. P. S. members who do not patronize it are missing an opportunity to dispose of their duplicates very advantageously.

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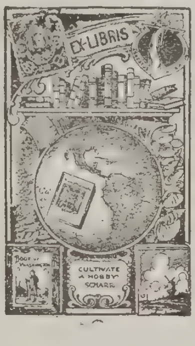

On the above book plate we find a torch representing enlightenment, a fitting emblem for the educational influence of philately. The word "asbestos" indicates interest in the collecting of minerals, of which he has a very fine lot. Old coins, shells, pictures and even photography are represented in the book plate, all of which is Mr. Scharr's own idea and shows the extent of the hobbies in which he is interested.

WASHINGTON STATE ORGANIZATION.

(*Tacoma Ledger*, May 29.)

Philatelists from Seattle and Tacoma gathered last night in the federal building in Tacoma and after poring over each other's stamp collections decided to unite in the formation of the Washington State Philatelists' society. Headquarters are to be maintained at Seattle owing to geographical position, and Tacoma and Spokane are to have branches with probably a vice-president for each city. Until January 1 the officers of the Seattle Philatelists' society will act as officers of the association, which is to incorporate as a stock company.

Last night's meeting brought out ten Tacoma stamp collectors, some of whom were gray-haired and all well along in years and it developed that there are 50 to 75 stamp collectors in the city whose combined collections are conservatively worth many thousands of dollars. The meeting brought from Seattle also about twenty enthusiasts of that city, among whom were many gray-haired collectors. With each man came his treasured stamp album and more than an hour was spent in going over these. Many of the collectors had special fads and collections, ranging in number from 3,000 to 20,000 different varieties.

The Tacoma collectors present were Lewis Johnson, A. A. Johnson, Dr. A. L. Chadwick, LeRoy Pratt, P. N. M. Carlsen, K. D. Powell, Charles Roediger, James A. Hays and V. D. Tomlinson. Among those who possess fine collections and who were unable to attend were P. C. Kaufman and Frank McCandless. Lewis Johnson showed one of the finest collections of any, numbering about 12,000 varieties and each page of the album made a work of art by beautiful designing about the stamps and coloring effects. Mr. Johnson has been collecting since 1900 and has spent more than three years on the work in his album.

The collection of Mr. Pratt, numbering about 10,000 varieties, he values at $10,000. His specialty is blocks of four of United States issues, but he possesses a fine collection of original letter covers also. Joseph A. Hyde of Seattle, has one of the finest collections of American issues in the Northwest, if not in the country.

The officers of the Seattle society are: President, C. J. T. Utermark; vice-president, August Ringer; secretary-treasurer, D. C. Bartley. V. D. Tomlinson of Tacoma, was elected secretary of the Tacoma branch.

HITCHCOCK NOT TO RESIGN.

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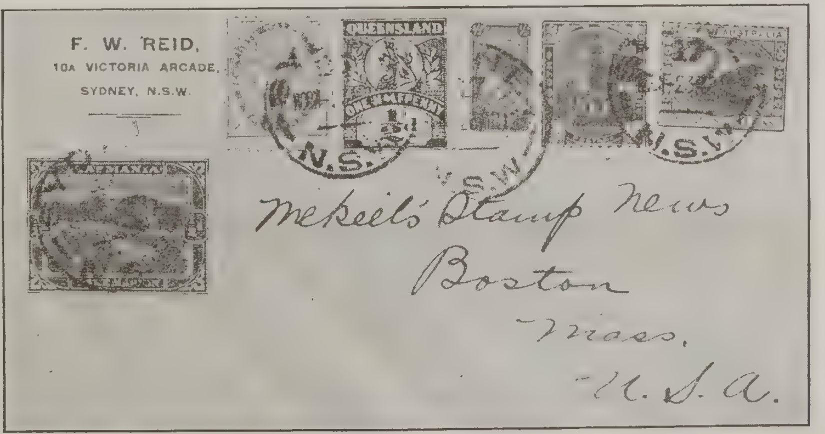

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EDITORIAL.

For Statistics—The third assistant postmaster-general, Mr. Britt, has instructed all postmasters "who have been authorized to issue precanceled postage stamps for use in payment of transient second-class matter and matter of the third and fourth classes" to report covering the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1912, on the following points of information, relative to precanceled stamps: 1. Number of patrons using precanceled stamps. 2. Number and value of each denomination of stamps precanceled. 3. Total number and value of all stamps precanceled. 4. Total number of pieces (by classes) of matter mailed with precanceled stamps.

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In 1844—The observation appears in print occasionally that D. O. Blood & Company, who issued so many interesting stamps in connection with their famous local post or despatch, in Philadelphia, were the originators of the plan of denoting the hour in the postmarks applied on letters carried by them. The small Blood stamps, 1849-54 are common and as usually, they are preserved on the original letters, the collector naturally attends to the markings on them. As some of these covers include the hour on their postmarks and as it was not until years later that the government adopted the same convenience, it is apt to be assumed that Blood and Company were the innovators of the hour postmark. We have seen an hour postmark that antedates any of the similar ones of Blood, as it reads: Boyd's City Express Post, Aug. 10-9 o'c. The impression appears on a letter sent from Rochester, August 8th, 1844, that bears a Pomeroy letter express local; the letter was delivered in New York by the Boyd carriers under an agreement between the two companies.

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Help—Mr. W. E. Whitnall of Liscard, Cheshire, England, whose singularly searching questions relative to obscurer details in connection with the issues of the United States have evoked much favorable consideration by and no little data of value from our readers wrote us some months ago as follows: "Many thanks for your kind reply re Postage Currency Notes in No. 1087. One line in your reply prompts me to trouble you further. You say 'The National Bank Note Co. were allied institutions.' The relation must surely have been an intimate one for the imprint of both companies to be on the face of the same bill. While this agreement or relationship was in existence, the stamps of the 1861 type were manufactured, and they are described as the work of the National Bank Note Company. Were they entirely so? In 1879—Had the National Bank Note Company ceased to exist, or had its agreement with the American Bank Note Company on the lines of the agreement ceased to exist? If in 1879, the National Bank Note Company was in existence and had similar relations with the American Bank Note Company, as in 1862, why were the stamps of 1879 by the American Bank Note Company? Did the National Bank Note Company also tender for the 1879 contract in competition with their allies? The American Bank Note Company (the successors of Rawdon, Wright, Hatch & Edson) absorbed the Continental Bank Note Company, February 4th, 1879,—see Luff, 'Postage Stamps of the United States,' pp. 34 and 35. Were the National Bank Note Company or the Continental Bank Note Company in any way successors of Toppan, Carpenter & Company.

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Something—We have secured only a few of the barest details on the subject of the foregoing questions, which, inadequate as they are, will be given but it is hoped that some of our studious readers may be in a position to give fuller and further testimony. The vice-president of the American Bank Note Company has written us a courteous letter but he throws little actual light on the inquiries. The following details are pieced together from scattered sources. The National Bank Note Company, New York, and the American Bank Note Company, New York and Boston while separate organizations worked in harmony and in the case of some of the United States currency notes, they were the joint product of the two companies. Perhaps, the National Bank Note Company excelled in its portrait work while lathe and engine work was a specialty of the American Bank Note Company. In 1873, the Continental Bank Note Company of New York secured the contract for the production of the United States postage stamps; and in 1879, both the National and the Continental Bank Note Companies were consolidated with or absorbed by the "new" American Bank Note Company, which completed the Continental's contract with the government. In 1861, the American Bank Note Company did not compete, we learn, for the contract and had nothing to do with the manufacture of the postage stamps, the work of the National Bank Note Company. From certain minor indications, which taken in the aggregate afford a not illogical basis for the statement, we must reject the plausible supposition that the National Bank Note Company or the Continental Bank Note Company were "in any way successors of Toppan, Carpenter & Co." until some proof to the contrary is adduced.

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In the Air—An aerial mail service was established at Cicero, Illinois, during the aviation field meet at that place which immediately adjoins Chicago on the west. The length of the meeting is four days, ending June 2nd, but the enthusiastic "general manager of the aero club" says that it "is our purpose to establish a permanent aerial postoffice at Cicero. If the four days' trial of the service prove successful, an application for the permanent office will be made to Postmaster General Hitchcock." Two trips daily were made to the two stations, with Cicero as the base and it was required of visitors who wished to send letters to their friends that the missives be stamped but a special aerial mail service postmark was used for cancellation. The establishing of an aerial mail service in any part of the country is now listed in the postoffice bulletin as nonchalantly as if it were the most ordinary routine.

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(*Contributed by Edwin B. Hill.*)

Among the stamps catalogued less than $2, which should be included in the hard-to-get class, is Chile No. 39a—5c on 30c rose carmine, surcharge inverted, of which only five sheets, 100 stamps to the sheet, were printed. The genuine stamp is certainly not plentiful. One well-known dealer's stock consisted of just seven copies which were at once absorbed by a specialist in Chile, with orders to "send on any more that turn up." I have seen only one unused copy, and fewer than a dozen used ones since the stamp issued Dec. 28, 1900. A large issue of forgeries in 1902 has the figures 14x13mm instead of 13½x12½mm, the genuine. There are also other slight differences.

NEWARK COLLECTORS DINE.

We learn from the Newark, N. J. *Star* that a very successful anniversary of the Newark Club was held May 31. We quote the report:—

Members of the Hudson County Stamp Club were guests last night of the Newark Stamp and Coin Club at the annual banquet of the latter, held in the club rooms, 827 Broad street. There were present about thirty stamp collectors from various parts of Hudson County and about thirty from Newark.

A. C. Roessler, president of the Newark Club, was toastmaster. Addresses were delivered by William E. Hiddin, formerly a stamp designer, who spoke upon "How Dies Are Made," and by E. W. Fuss, who talked of the "Twentieth-Century Issues."

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A Paper Read Before the Royal Philatelic Society, London, on November 17, 1910.

By E. D. Bacon.

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Some years ago, more than I care to remember now, I wrote a paper on the early stamps of Trinidad. This paper appeared in the number of the *Philatelic Record* for February, 1890, and was reprinted with additional notes in the Philatelic Society's work on the *Postage Stamps, etc., of the Brtish Colonies in the West Indies,* published in September, 1891. In this paper I gave a list of the dates on which the various stamps were sent to the island by Messrs. Perkins Bacon and Co., commencing with their first consignment of December, 1848, and continued down to and including that of March 24, 1860, but I was unable at that time to add the numbers of the stamps sent out.

A short while since I was permitted, through the kindness of Mr. J. D. Heath, the managing director of Messrs. Perkins Bacon and Co., Limited, to compile a complete list of the stamps sent to Trinidad by the firm, with the exact number of each supply and other details as they appear in their books. The list, especially the latter portion dealing with the perforated stamps, will, I venture to think, be found of particular value, as nothing whatever has hitherto been published concerning the quantities printed of these highly interesting issues. A copy of the list is given in an appendix to these notes, and a few remarks thereon, will, I hope, prove acceptable to collectors.

To take the imperforate series first. It is evident the authorities in Trinidad had the intention of issuing postage stamps early in the year 1849, as a supply of "blue" and "lilac" stamps was sent out in December, 1848. For some reason now unknown, this course was not adopted and the introduction of stamps was postponed, as I showed in my previous papers, until April 11, 1851. Previous to this date a second supply had been ordered and received in the island consisting of "blue" and "brown" stamps, so if the first consignment had been preserved the postal authorities had stamps of three different colours on hand when the first issue to the public took place. My old contention that all the various coloured stamps, without expressed value, were sold at One Penny has long since been conceded. If further proof was needed on this point it is furnished in a letter published in *Le Timbre-Poste* for September, 1900, from Mr. William Eversley, a former Postmaster-General of the colony. This letter, which had been filed away and entirely forgotten, was found by Mr. J. B. Moens on going through his papers in 1900, the year when he retired from business. It is dated February 8, 1864, and Mr. Eversley therein states that the grey, blue, and red stamps all had the postal value of One Penny.

The colours, values, and other particulars in the list of the Perkins Bacon stamps, with the exception of the last column headed "Remarks," are given just as they are entered in the printers' books. It will be noticed that the colour grey does not appear against any of the consignments, although used specimens in grey and brownish grey are fairly plentiful. There is no doubt that these come from the 25,000 "lilac" stamps sent out in December, 1848, and that the colour has changed since they were printed. The "lilac" ink used by Messrs. Perkins Bacon & Co. was particularly susceptible to change, witness the alterations that have taken place in the colours of the first Six Pence stamps of Tasmania, Mauritius, Bahamas, and Natal, all of which are designated "lilac" in Messrs. Perkins Bacon and Co.'s invoice books. The same remark as to alteration in colour applies with equal force to the supply of "purple" stamps on white paper that were sent out in July, 1854, as several different shades are found of this stamp.

No colours are added to the supplies forwarded in September, 1852, December, 1855, and December, 1856. The table of dated specimens of the Perkins Bacon printings I gave in the Philatelic Society's work on the stamps of the West Indies, pages 152-153, does not contain sufficient data to decide the colour of the first of these three parcels, but as regards the other two lots the tabulated list is, I think, quite decisive in enabling us to fix the colour in each instance as "red."

All the stamps sent to the colony previous to the year 1857 were on blued paper, with the sole exception of the lot of "purple" stamps forwarded in July, 1854, the pigment of which did not stain the paper. For the red and blue stamps Messrs. Perkins Bacon and Co. made use of the same inks as they did for the One Penny and Two Pence stamps of Great Britain current at the same period. The date of the cessation in the blueing of the paper, therefore corresponds, and we know that this took place in the case of the One Penny stamp of the parent country in February, 1857, when a change of colour was introduced. It follows from this that the first Trinidad "red" stamps on purely white paper were those sent out in June, 1857, and these and the subsequent supplies were rose-red in colour. No stamps printed in blue were sent out after February, 1853, and consequently none in this colour can have been issued on purely white paper. Any such specimens of the brick-red, brownish-red or blue, must necessarily have had the blueing of the paper discharged. At the same time, it should be remembered that the blueing of the paper on different sheets was very uneven, and consequently it is possible to find individual specimens of all three stamps that show only slight traces of the stain.

A comparison of the list with the table of dated specimens already referred to enables us to give the order of issue of the various coloured stamps without expressed value. The stamps first issued seem to have been those I call reddish-puce, or perhaps a better designation for them is purple-brown; in the list they are simply called "brown." These were followed by the blue, which were succeeded by the grey of various shades, the "lilac" of the list. All these are found used in the year 1851. Then in 1853 there was a re-issue of blue stamps, and at the end of that year the brick-red and brownish-red stamps made their first appearance. In 1854 were issued the purple and grey stamps on white paper, all those previously described being on blued paper. These were succeeded by a further issue of brick-red stamps on blued paper in 1855-7, followed towards the end of the latter year, by the rose-red stamps on white paper, whch continued in use with but little change of shade until the end of the Perkins Bacon contract.

The list is again useful for the indications it affords of the months when locally printed stamps were likely to be wanted in the island. The dates I gave in my previous writings of the periods when the blue and grey lithographed stamps were in use, were:—

1. October, 1852, to June, 1853.
2. April to July, 1855.
3. November, 1856, to February, 1857.
4. Autumn, 1858, to February, 1859.
5. March to July, 1860.

For some years past Mr. M. P. Castle has made a special study of these native printed stamps. His researches have been embodied in a very interesting paper read before the Society in December, 1908, and subsequently published in the *London Philatelist* of September and October, 1909. The writer, with his usual perspicacity, deals exhaustively with his subject, and shows *inter alia* that the stamps of the later printings are capable of being "plated." He has, fortunately, also been able to compile a longer list of dated specimens than I had access to in the years 1890-1, and he divides the stamps into several printings, as follows:—

1. September, 1852, to April, 1853.
2. March to May, 1853.
3. March to June, 1855.
4. December, 1856, to January, 1857.
5. October, 1858, to June 1860.
6. March to May, 1860.
7. 1860.

There is in reality very little difference in these two tables, as my No. 1 includes the stamps on bluish card, which Mr. Castle puts under a separate number (No. 2); while his No. 7 (the stamp printed in red) is not included in my summary, which deals only with the blue and grey stamps, and which was simply intended as a statement of the periods when the stamps were in use, and not, as Mr. Castle has taken it, as an account of the printings. Two conspicuous points brought out in Mr. Castle's table prove that the date of the first issue of the lithographs can be put back from October 10, 1852 (the earliest day I was able to give) to September 26, 1852, and that of the same stamps issued in the year 1855 from my date of April 4 to March 25. It is certainly very gratifying to me to know that a student of Mr. Castle's acumen is so closely in agreement as regards the dates of use and the other deductions I came to about the native printed stamps when writing on the same subject more than seventeen years earlier.

If we now turn to Messrs. Perkins Bacon and Co.'s list of stamps given in the Appendix, we are at once struck with the fact that if the sending of September 30, 1852, had been despatched a month or five weeks earlier, no provisional stamps would have been needed in the island in September of that year, the month in which Mr. Castle has shown they were first issued. But seeing that this consignment could not have reached the colony until the end of October, it is not surprising that the former supplies became exhausted in that month, and that arrangements had to be made for a local issue. A reference once more to the list shows that we might expect further deficiencies of the Perkins Bacon stamps in the island in March, 1855, November, 1856, October, 1858, and March ,1860, which are the dates we know from specimens on letter-sheets that the local stamps were in use. It also appears as if the use of the local stamps issued in March, 1855, must have extended beyond the month of June right up to the end of January, 1856, as there were no Perkins Bacon stamps sent out between July 31, 1854, and December 31, 1855. Another fact brought out by a study of the list is that at some periods when the local stamps were in use they appear to have been issued concurrently with the Perkins Bacon stamps, or at least there was a supply of the latter stamps in stock at certain times when the former were being used. A probable explanation of this overlapping is that the postal authorities decided to use up all the local stamps of each printing in spite of the fact that a fresh supply of the Perkins Bacon stamps arrived while there was a stock of the former on hand.

Before leaving the imperforate series, I should draw attention to the small numbers of the Four Pence (4000), Six Pence (9000), and One Shilling (7000), issued in May, 1859, which account for the great rarity of the Six Pence in an unused condition, and of the Four Pence and One Shilling in similar state before the remainders of these two values were unearthed some years ago.

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I now pass on to consider the peforated series. The first lot of perforated stamps sent out, as will be seen from the list, left London on August 4, 1859. The whole of this lot and those of the next three sendings of November 15, 1859, March 24, and May 14, 1860, consisted of the stamps known as pin-perforated 12½ and 13½, 14. All the four values are found with both gauges, but it is impossible to determine the quantities of each variety, as it is practically certain that both the gauges were used for all, or nearly all, the lot of stamps sent out on the four dates mentioned. Judging from the rarity of specimens at the present day, there was a larger number of each value with the 13½, 14 gauge than with the 12½ gauge. Of the One Shilling there was only one small lot of three thousand stamps, which contained both gauges, and as no remainders of this value have been found, it is not surprising that the stamp is a real rarity with either gauge of the pin-perforation.

The stamps of the next consignment, that of July 5, 1860, consisting of One Penny, Four Pence, and Six Pence values, had the clean-cut machine perforation, measuring 14 to 16½. As Lieut. F. H. Napier and I pointed out in the account we wrote of the Perkins Bacon perforating machines in our *Handbook on Grenada*, these Trinidad stamps were the first of all postage stamps to be perforated by the new machine acquired by Messrs. Perkins Bacon and Co., in the summer of 1860. They have clean-cut holes on all four sides, and show that the work of the machine at the outset of its career was as perfect as that of the best machines of the present day.

There now remain the two lots of stamps of 1861, which were despatched from London on April 27 and December 21 of that year. These are the stamps we find with the rough perforation 14 to 16½, which was made by the same machine as that used for the supply of July, 1860, and which shows the remarkable deterioration that so quickly took place in the work of the machine, even after it had been repaired in January, 1861.

I must now proceed to direct attention to certain varieties of the Four Pence, Six Pence, and One Shilling stamps that are found in some of the current catalogues. In the imperforate issue two distinct colours are given of all three values. Now these stamps were printed from plates containing 240 specimens, so if we turn the numbers of stamps sent out to the colony into sheets, we find that there were only 16⅔ sheets of the Four Pence, 37½ sheets of the Six Pence, and 29 1-6 sheets of the One Shilling. The quantities being so small, it seems impossible that there can have been two mixings of the colours for any one of these stamps, and, as they were the first supplies of these values to be sent out, the printers had no surplus stock of sheets from a previous printing to make use of, as we know they had at subsequent dates.

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Edited by HENRY A. KIDDER.

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AITUTAKI.—The King Edward ½d stamp of New Zealand has appeared surcharged in red for Aitutaki, similar to the Niue surcharge chronicled in No. 1103. We are indebted to Whitfield King & Co. for a specimen.

Adhesive.

Surcharged on New Zealand stamps.
½d yellow green; red surcharge.

BERMUDA.—*Gibbons' Monthly* notes the issue of three more values in the "Hog Money" or ship type.

Adhesives.

½d brown.
6d lilac.
1sh green.

BOLIVIA.—*Der Philatelist* reports the issue of another provisional, the 2c of 1909 having been surcharged "20 cents—1911," in green.

Provisional Adhesive.

20c on 2c green and black.

CANADA.—All the way from France comes the information that the agitation for printing the Canadian stamps with values in French as well as English has been revived. At present the proposal is to place the word "sous" between the figures of value, as well as "cents."

CHILE—The current set of stamps, which has been in use only a few months, is shortly to be superceded by an entirely new series, according to *Maury's Collectionneur*. The new set will run from one centavo to two pesos, the colors and designs of the different values being as follows:—1c green, portrait of Diego Portales; 2c rose, portrait of Arturo Pratt; 3c dark brown, portrait of Lord Thomas Cochrane; 4c red brown, portrait of Camilo Henriquez; 5c blue, monument of Bernardo O'Higgins; 10c gray, portrait of Ramon Freire; 12c rose, portrait of Manuel Blanco Encalada; 15c scarlet, portrait of Francisco Antonio Pinto; 20c violet, portrait of Joaquim Prieto; 25c red brown, portrait of Manuel Balnes; 30c dark green, portrait of Manuel Montt; 50c blue, portrait of Jose Joaquim Perez; 1p orange, a condor; 2p bronze, monument of Jose San Martin.

COLOMBIA.—Something is forward in Colombia, regarding to the issue of a new series of stamps, says *Maury's Collectionneur*. The Colombian Government has decided to abandon the policy of having its stamps printed locally by the lithograph process, and has invited bids from the leading houses of the world for the furnishing of an entirely new series to be printed from steel plates. The particulars of the proposed series are as follows:—

2,000,000	½c dark violet; portrait of Caldas.
4,000,000	1c green; portrait of Narino.
8,000,000	2c red; portrait of Santander.
2,000,000	5c blue; portrait of Bolivar.
1,000,000	10c orange; portrait of Sucre.
500,000	20c olive; portrait of Ricuarte
100,000	50c red brown, portrait of Cordoba.
200,000	1p lilac; Arms of Colombia.
50,000	5p black on yellow; portrait of Camilo Torres.
20,000	10p black on green; Arms of Colombia.
50,000	4c violet; registration stamps; Allegory of Colombia.
250,000	10c light blue; registration stamps; view of Cataract of Tequendama.
50,000	2½c carmine; Too Late stamps; Arms of Colombia.
50,000	5c yellow green; A. R. stamps; view of Government Palace.
20,000	4c gray; "Urgente" express stamps.
200,000	2c red; post cards.
50,000	2x2c red; reply card.

FRANCE.—*Colonies in West Africa.*—In No. 1099 we announced, on the authority of *Die Post* that new stamps were in preparation for the African Colonies of Dahomey, French Guinea, Ivory Coast, Mauritania, Senegal and Upper Senegal. A recent number of *Maury's Collectionneur* prints an interview with M. de la Neziere, who has designed the new stamps, and also gives illustrations of the designs. All six are of practically the same size, or very nearly the same as the previous issues for French West Africa. As stated in No. 1099, the design selected for Dahomey shows a native climbing a bread palm tree, the shape of the stamp being an upright oblong. "Dahomey" appears at the top and "Afrique—Occidentale—Francaise" at the bottom, the figures of value being printed in ovals at the sides. The design for Guinea is also an upright oblong, with the inscriptions arranged as for Dahomey, except that the value is placed in a circle above the name of the Colony at the top of the stamp. The design shows three native carriers crossing a ford. The design for Ivory Coast is a horizontal oblong, the central design shows a native boat on a river, a pretty scene. The figures of value will be placed in large circles in the lower corners, the position of the inscriptions being reversed from those mentioned above. The design of the Senegal stamps, also a horizontal oblong, shows a Sengalese market, with natives sitting and standing. The values will be printed in large circles at the ends, the name of the Colony being at the bottom as for Ivory Coast. All of these designs have figures of idols and fabulous animals, etc., in the wide frames.

The design for Mauritania shows a child riding on an ox, with the driver walking alongside. Unlike the other horizontal oblong stamps, the name of the Colony appears at the top, the values being printed in large irregular octagon tablets in the upper corners. The last design, that for Upper Senegal, or Haut Senegal-Niger, as the stamps have it, shows a different idea, the frame being composed of lattice work, with an arched top, and the picture of a native warrior on a camel. The figure of value will appear in the circle formed by the arch, the name of the Colony being again at the top of the stamp.

The designs for Mauritania and Guinea have been engraved by M. Puyplat, and will be the first to appear, it is expected, possibly in July or August. The designs for Ivory Coast and Upper Senegal have been engraved by M. Foment, these four being engraved on wood, we gather from the *Collectionneur*. The designs for Senegal and Dahomey have been engraved on bronze, by M. Mignon. The postage due stamps will be the same for all six colonies, showing the words "Chiffre Tax" and "A percevoir" borne on a broad circular band, with the name of the colony above and "Afrique—Occidentale—Francaise" below. The value will appear in a large square central tablet, imposed upon four curved brackets within the circle. In size the postage due stamps will be much smaller than the regular postage stamps.

GUATEMALA.—Dr. Roy F. Desart reports having seen the 20c and 75c values of the current set, Scott's Nos. 119 and 121, perforated "Oficial," in used condition.

INDIA.—*Jaipur.*—The handsome series of 1904-06 has been imitated by local artists and printers, but in a very bungling and unsatisfactory way. Four values have been seen, the 2a being printed in two shades of green.

Adhesives.

¼a yellow.
½a ultramarine.
1a rose.
2a gray green.
2a dark green.

NIUE.—Two more stamps of the current New Zealand set have been surcharged for use in Niue, in addition to the ½d chronicled in No. 1103. The type is the same as that used in the earlier surcharges, the printing being very neatly done in black. Specimens have been shown us by Whitfield King & Co.

Adhesives.

Surcharged on New Zealand stamps.
6d carmine rose; black surcharge.
1sh vermilion; black surcharge.

PERSIA.—Owing to the fact that a large quantity of the current stamps were stolen from certain Persian Post-offices during the recent difficulties, the remainders were surcharged "Officiel" and Persian characters. Mail matter now coming to this country and England is franked with stamps of this character. As the regular official stamps bear the word "Service" there is no chance for confusion.

URUGUAY.—Dr. Roy F. Desart reports that the new Uruguay official stamps are watermarked very irregularly, some showing double-lined letters while others show no watermark at all.

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THE STAMPS OF TRINIDAD.

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One must, therefore, search for some other explanation of the three varieties; i. e., the Four Pence, dull purple; the Six Pence, bright yellow-green; and the One Shilling, purple-slate. I have never myself seen satisfactory specimens of any of these three stamps, and as the colours correspond exactly with some of the pin-perforated issue, and the latter stamps are frequently found with good margins between the design and the perforation, I believe that they have been inserted in the catalogues from pin-perforated specimens, which have had the perforations removed. But I shall be told that there is an unusual imperforate pair of the Four Pence, dull purple, in the "Tapling Collection." This is undoubtedly so, but the pair in question came, to my knowledge, from an official source. It certainly was never sent to the colony, and can, therefore, have no bearing upon my argument one way or the other.

Of the pin-perforated series the total number of sheets of the Four Pence was 87½, of the Six Pence 158⅓, and of the One Shilling 12½. It is impossible to say for certain how many printings were made for these stamps, but it seems probable that there were three for each of the two lower values. At any rate, we know from the correspondence between Messrs. Perkins Bacon & Co. and the Agents-General for the Crown Colonies that the twelve sheets of the Four Pence forwarded on November 15, 1859, were from stock left on hand, that they had not sufficient stamps to complete the order, and had therefore to make a fresh printing of the Four Pence and Six Pence, which did not leave London until March 24, 1860.

In the next issue with the clean-cut perforation there were 37½ sheets of the Four Pence and 58⅓ sheets of the Six Pence. A fresh printing was made for both values, but amongst the stamps sent out there were, no doubt, some surplus sheets of the last printing made for the pin-perforated stamps, as the Four Pence is found in exactly the same shade of brown-lilac and the Six Pence in precisely the same shade of bright yellow-green, in both sets. A One Shilling, indigo, has of recent years been added to the catalogue lists of the stamps with clean-cut perforation. Here, again, I can but repeat that I have seen no genuine specimen, although I have examined copies of which the perforation was forged. The list of the Perkins Bacon stamps proves that no supply of the One Shilling was sent out with the three other values in July, 1860, and this is strong evidence against the postal issue of such a variety. Specimens do, however, exist of the One Shilling, indigo, which undoutedly belong to one of the two consignments that went out to the island in 1861, although they bear a cleaner cut perforation than the majority of those specimens. As I have already mentioned, the perforating machine was repaired in January, 1861, and although for a short time it made clean-cut holes, in a month it worked badly again, and could only produce the form of perforation known as "intermediate between the clean-cut and rough," and then it soon degenerated to such an extent as to be only capable of producing the purely rough perforation. Now the first parcel of stamps sent to the island in 1861 left on April 27, and must therefore have been perforated before that date, so it is not remarkable if a sheet or two out of the lot had the "intermediate" form of perforation. It is to this variety of perforation that these specimens of the One Shilling, indigo, belong.

Of the stamps with rough perforation there were 126 sheets of the Four Pence, 109 sheets of the Six Pence, and 38 sheets of the One Shilling, and no doubt two printings were made of all three values. Some catalogues give no less than four colours for the One Shilling, viz., "indigo, violet-blue, lilac-blue," and "bright blue." In my opinion there are only two true colours to be found of this value with rough perforation, viz., indigo and deep bluish purple, the latter of which appears in the catalogues as "violet-blue." Both these colours are very easily changed, and remembering the small number of sheets that were sent out of each printing, i. e., 17 and 21 respectively, I believe that the "bright blue" is a colour changeling produced from an indigo stamp, and that the "lilac-blue" variety is a colour changeling made from a copy of the One Shilling deep bluish purple. I know no more difficult philatelic problem than that of determining and naming correctly the colours of the Trinidad Four Pence and One Shilling stamps of the different printings of Messrs. Perkins Bacon and Co. I have done my best, with the help of the printers, to simplify the ordinary catalogue list, but I cannot hope, nor do I expect, to at once convert every collector to the opinions I have expressed.

To compensate in some measure for the eliminations I have made, I have an addition to make to the stamps pin-perforated 14 of a One Shilling, indigo, a specimen of which is in the collection of Mr. H. J. Duveen. The existence of this variety proves that in the small sending of 3000 pin-perforated stamps of August, 1859, there were a few printed in indigo, which almost certainly came from surplus sheets left over from the supply of imperforate stamps sent out in April, 1859.

In conclusion, and to refer to the list of the Perkins Bacon stamps for the last time, it will be seen that the final supply sent out by the firm left London on December 21, 1861. Looking at the increased quantities of stamps that were wanted by the colony in the years 1859-61, clearly shown by the list, and the absence of any issue of provisional stamps in 1862, it appears to be almost a certainty that Messrs. De La Rue and Co. must have forwarded their first printing of Trinidad stamps in that year and not in 1863, which has for many years past been the date assigned for the first De La Rue stamps.

SYNOPSIS.

April 11, 1851-1855.

Printed on white wove unwatermarked paper, blued by the action of the ink. Imperforate.

(1d) purple-brown (1851).
(1d) blue to deep blue (1851 and 1853).
(1d) grey to dark grey (1851).
(1d) brownish grey (1851).
(1d) brick-red (1853 and 1855).
(1d) brownish red (1853 and 1855).

1854-1857.

Printed on white wove unwatermarked paper. Imperforate.

(1d) deep purple (1854).
(1d) dark grey (1854).
(1d) rose-red (1857).

May 9, 1859.

Printed on white wove unwatermarked paper. Imperforate.

4d grey-lilac.
6d deep yellow-green.
1s indigo.

September, 1859.

Printed on white wove unwatermarked paper. Pin-perforated.

A. Pin-perforated 12½.

(1d) rose-red.
4d dull purple.
4d dull lilac.
4d brownish lilac.
6d deep yellow-green.
6d bright yellow-green.
1s, purple-slate.

B. Pin-perforated 13½-14.

(1d) rose-red.
4d, dull purple.
4d dull lilac.
4d brownish lilac.
6d deep yellow-green.
6d bright yellow-green.
1s purple-slate.
1s indigo.

Variety.
Imperforate horizontally.

6d bright yellow-green.

August, 1860.

Printed on white wove unwatermarked paper. Clean-cut perforation, gauging from 14 to 16½.

(1d) rose-red.
4d brownish lilac.
4d lilac.
6d bright yellow-green.
6d deep green.

Variety.
Imperforate vertically.

(1d) rose-red.

June, 1861.

Printed on white wove unwatermarked paper. Rough perforation, gauging from 14 to 16½.

(1d) rose-red.
(1d) rose.
4d brownish lilac.
4d lilac.
4d dull lilac.
6d yellow-green.
6d deep green.
1s indigo.
1s deep bluish purple.

Variety.

With the intermediate form of perforation: that is, between the clean-cut and the rough.

1s indigo.

APPENDIX.

Postage Stamps Forwarded to the Island of Trinidad by Messrs. Perkins Bacon and Co.

Date Sent.	Quantities, Etc.	Remarks by E. D. Bacon.
1848, Dec. 21	25,000 blue	Paper blued
" "	25,000 lilac	"
1850, Dec. 4	5,500 blue	"
" "	5,500 brown	"
1852, Jan. 10	5,000 blue	"
" "	5,000 brown	"
" Sept. 30	16,390 1d	"
1853, Feb. 2	33,330 red	"
" "	16,720 blue	"
" Sept. 16	30,000 red	"
1854, Feb. 2	30,000 1d red	"
" July 31	50,000 1d purple	White paper
1855, Dec. 31	50,000	Red on paper blued
1856, Dec 1	50,000	" " "
1857, June 24	50,000 1d red	Rose-red on white
1858, Feb. 17	50,000 1d "	" "
" Oct. 26	50,000 1d "	" "
1859, April 14	50,000 1d "	" "
" "	4,000 4d lilac	White paper
" "	9,000 6d green	"
" "	7,000 1s purple	"
" Aug. 4	75,000 1d red Perf.	Pin perf.
" "	3.000 4d lilac "	"
" "	14,000 6d green "	"
" "	3,000 1s purple "	"
" Nov. 15	2,880 4d lilac "	"
1860, March 24	84,000 1d red "	"
" "	9,120 4d lilac "	"
" "	18,000 6d green "	"
" May 14	11,000 1d red "	"
" "	6,000 4d lilac "	"
" "	6,000 6d green "	"
" July 5	14,000 6d green "	Clean-cut perf.
" "	9,000 4d lilac "	"
" "	89,000 1d red "	"
1861, April 27	4,080 1s purple "	Rough perf.
" "	18,000 6d green "	"
" "	15,120 4d lilac "	"
" "	108,020 1d red "	"
" Dec. 21	5,040 1s violet "	"
" "	8,160 6d green "	"
" "	15,120 4d lilac "	"
" "	72,050 1d red "	"

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ARGUSVILLE, N. D., May 31, 1912.

WITH THE BOY PHILATELIST.

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THE BEGINNERS GUIDE.

SEPARATION.

In dealing with design, color, paper, and watermark I have, as explained in my preliminary notes, described what we may term the essential constituents of a postage stamp. We have now to consider what for want of a better word we may call the "afterthoughts"—that is gum, for the simple attachment of the labels to letters, etc., and perforation or some other method of easily separating the stamps one from the other.

The earliest stamps of all were issued imperforate and the only way of separating them was to cut them apart with knife or scissors. Obviously this was a slow and somewhat clumsy way of doing things and as postage stamps became more and more in demand, inventive brains tried to devise some method by means of which stamps could be easily and quickly separated. Mr. Henry Archer, an Irishman, was the first to solve the problem that led to the general perforation of stamps,—at any rate he was the first to shape the idea into practical form, for he invented and perfected a machine for perforating sheets of stamps which was ultimately purchased by the British Government in 1854. The lead given by Great Britain was slowly followed elsewhere and at the present time the only imperforate stamps issued in civilized countries are those that have escaped the perforation machine through error or those sold intentionally in this state for use in stamp vending machines. The United States was one of the first countries to grasp the many advantages conferred by perforation and in 1857 its first perforated stamps made their appearance.

There are two chief kinds of perforation—those in which small pieces are cut right out of the paper between the stamps, and those in which a series of cuts or slits penetrate the paper without actually removing any of it. The first of these represents perforation proper, and is the method most generally employed, while the other represents rouletting.

The ordinary and most commonly met with sort of perforation is made by rows of hollow punches which cut out small circular pieces of paper from the spaces between the vertical and horizontal rows of stamps. There are three distinct types of machines used for this work. These are known as "guillotine," "comb," and "harrow" machines respectively. The first of these is the simplest and represents the earliest type. This perforates a single row at a time so that after the vertical rows have been perforated the sheet has to be turned round so that the horizontal rows can be treated. The machine is so adjusted that after each row has been perforated the sheet of stamps is automatically moved forward so that the punches may descend on the next space. This system is the only one that has ever been used in connection with United States stamps. Next we have "comb" machines. These have a long row of punches to which smaller rows are attached at regular intervals at right angles. Each stroke, therefore, perforates three sides of the stamps in each horizontal or vertical row so that the sheets only have to go under the machine once. The stamps of Great Britain and most of those of the British Colonies are now perforated by this method. "Harrow" machines perforate an entire sheet or pane of stamps at a time. This method is not employed very extensively, though these machines have been used in the Portuguese Mint for a number of years. Specialists distinguish between the work of these three sorts of machines but this is hardly a matter that need trouble the beginner.

The various other methods of separation, which merely prick holes or cut slits in the paper without actually removing any of it, are classed under the general heading of roulettes. Where sharp pointed instead of hollow punches are used, pricking holes in the paper, the stamps are said to be pin-perforated. In this case the "perforations" are made in the same manner as those more ordinarily met with, *i. e.* by means of a single-line machine. The most common form of roulette consists of straight rows of small cuts or slits. These small cuts are made by means of little wheels or discs of metal with tiny projections on the circumference. As a rule several of these rouletting wheels are arranged on a spindle at proper intervals so that an entire sheet of stamps can be rouletted vertically or horizontally at once. Other varieties have the cuts arranged in curves, zig-zags, etc. but these are so rarely met with that their description is hardly necessary in an elementary paper of this sort. Lastly, we have what is known as "rouletting in colored lines" which is not true rouletting at all though it produces the same effect so far as the separation of the stamps is concerned. This process can only be used in the case of those stamps printed from plates formed of separate clichés. Between the rows of stamp blocks printer's "dotted rule" is inserted. This rule is a little higher than the level of the blocks so that when the printing ink is applied the rule is not only inked but also pierces the paper. Thus, in these cases the stamps are printed and perforated at the same time. So far as stamp-collectors are concerned this is the most perfect form of separation for each stamp has an even margin on all four sides. But the fact that it can only be used where the printing plates are made from single blocks has prevented its very extensive use.

(*To be continued.*)

SHORT REPLIES.

D. R. (Bloomington).—A *tête-bêche* is a pair of stamps one of which is inverted in relation to the other. (2) The imprints and plate numbers of United States stamps will generally be found in the centre of the margin on each sheet of 100 stamps as delivered to the Post Offices. As these sheets are only quarters of the original sheets, as printed, the margin only shows on two sides.

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Tacoma, Wash., 1c 1911, normal. type I.
Minneapolis, Minn., 8c 1910, normal; type VII.
Minneapolis, Minn., 3c 1910, normal; type VII.
Covington, Ky., 1c 1910, normal; type IV.
Boston, Mass., 3c 1910, normal; type V.

The *Philatelic Gazette* says that it has not yet been officially decided that no more imperforate sheets above the 2c value will be issued. The demand for legitimate purposes has been so small, however, that it was thought best to discontinue the issue for the present. Coiled stamps will continue to be supplied as formerly. The 1c and 2c will be furnished perforated, either horizontally or vertically, while the 3c and 4c will be supplied only perforated vertically. There seems to have been a supply of 4c perforated 12 still on hand, as some were placed on sale quite recently, but we have not heard of any perforated 8½. The 5c in coils will be furnished no longer.

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AUSTRALIA.—The Commonwealth of Australia is having trouble over the accepted design for its new stamps as well as England and Belgium. This design, a kangaroo imposed on a map of Australia, was recently printed in MEKEEL'S, so that our readers will readily see the point of the following caustic comments from Australian newspapers:

If simplicity is the quality to be aimed at in a stamp, this design should take a lot of beating. It is simple to the verge of severity. That is the best that can be said of it. The small object in front of the kangaroo is not a turnip nor a rabbit. It represents a tuft of grass—so Mr. Frazar the Postmaster General says.—*Sydney Telegraph.*

The design adopted for the Federal postage stamps is a reflection upon Australian art. Nobody pretends, of course, that it is a triumph of either beauty or symbolism; it being simply the one that happened to catch the Minister's eye and fancy when he suddenly decided to clinch the matter. The kangaroo is characteristic of Australia in a sense, but not in the sense requisite for a postage stamp. The animal with the phenomenal tail was more truly characteristic of Australia before the coming of the white man; and would have been a quite fitting design for a stamp issued by a tribe of blackfellows. A modern design, however, should in some way have summarized Australia; it should have figured forth the "idea" of Australia; it should, that is to say, have been an example of idealistic rather than realistic art. As it is, it falls below the realistic glory of a jam label, and is about equal to the kind of brand one would expect to see on a sample of potted marsupial.—*Sydney News.*

The new Commonwealth stamp is a delight to the humorist, but a grief to all others. It must have been conceived as a joke. It is a libel on Australia, because its obvious embodiment of a "white" policy is interrupted by a dozen blades of grass, as if the continent were really "Australia Deserta," and could grow no more! "Thus bad begins, but worse remains behind"—the clump of what might be grass so suspiciously resembles a rabbit that one suspects a worldwide intimation of the persistence of the pastoralist's pest. Why should a kangaroo rampant in a rocky Sahara

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BELGIUM.—The Belgians appear to be as little pleased with their new stamps, as were the English with the King George issue, if we may judge from a recent interpellation in the Belgian Senate. We translate freely from *Lemaire's Journal des Philatelistes:*

M. Houzeau de Lehaie, with suitable apologies of course, had the temerity to ask the Minister of Posts if he had yet examined the new stamps. M. de Broqueville, presumably the aforesaid Minister, said it would give him pleasure to show M. de Lehaie the series of horrors which had been submitted to him.

M. de Lehaie said that "the lion on the 5c stamp showed absolute ignorance of heraldry. They have bungled the national lion. The socialists, possibly, would view this with an indifferent eye, but how had the Minister tolerated it? What is this lion with two tails? That is absurd. What is this lion who has his paw upon the public treasury, containing only five centimes? That is not a lion, that is a wise dog. They say that the 10c stamp represents the portrait of King Albert, but that is not true. Look at the new pieces of money; there is a portrait of the King. The head of the King has some character, that which figures on the stamp has none." M. de Lehaie closed his speech, amid general hilarity, with the hope that these stamps will be kept in service only long enough for the time necessary for collectors to put them in their collections.

Elsewhere, it is stated that there is great objection in Belgium to the portrait of the King as it appears on the stamps, as critics say it appears to make him crosseyed. Some press dispatches say the objectionable stamps are to be replaced at once.

CHINA.—F. B. Eldredge reports that his personal mail from China has come through with Nos. 89 and 91, surcharged with four Chinese characters vertically, as previously noted.

GIBRALTAR.—*Morocco Agencies.*—W. H. Peckitt has shown us the 1d King George stamp of Great Britain, second type, surcharged "Morocco—Agencies" at the top, like the 4d stamp recently chronicled, with the further surcharge of "10 Centimos" at the bottom.

Adhesive.

On Stamps of Great Britain.
"10 Centimos" on 1d carmine; surcharge black.

GREAT BRITAIN.—*Marsh's Circular* reports the issue of 1d post card, with portrait of King George. The design is the same as that on the 1d letter card, and the inscription is similar to that on the last issue of King Edward cards, excepting the arms now have the helmet and mantling added. The color of the stamp is more of a vermilion red than carmine red, and the card itself of a deeper tint of buff.

Post Card.

1d scarlet on buff.

Mr. Schachne reports having the King George 1d card, which is identical with the buff King Edward card except the stamp and arms.

Post Card.

1d red on buff, 140x90mm.

Offices in the Levant.—W. H. Peckitt has shown us the new printing of the 2sh 6d King Edward stamp, on ordinary paper, surcharged "12 Piastres," as previously.

HAYTI.—The *Berliner Briefmarken Zeitung* notes that the 2 centimes de gourde has been issued in a paler shade, or "sulphur" yellow.

INDIA.—W. H. Peckitt has now shown us the ½a, 2½a and 6a values of the new King George set. The 2½a is ultramarine and not pale blue, as stated in the *London Philatelist.* Whitfield King & Co. have also shown us the ½a and 2½a values.

Patiala.—W. H. Peckitt has shown us the ½a and 1a stamps of the King Edward set for India, "Postage and Revenue" type, surcharged "Patiala —State," in two lines, in black.

Adhesives.

½a green.
1a carmine.

PORTUGAL.—The *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly* says there is a rumor that the new stamps, with values in centavos, are to be surcharged with the equivalent in reis, presumably to assist the natives in arriving at an appreciation of the new currency, and incidentally to benefit the Portuguese treasury.

SAN MARINO.—*Maury's Collectionneur* reports that the 1c brown of 1907 is now printed on yellow paper.

Adhesive.

1c brown on yellow.

SOUTH AFRICAN UNION.—The Government of the Union has placed an order with the printers for a series of stamps, with portrait of King George. The contract is to run for five years, and the estimated quantity of stamps to be furnished each year is 100,000,000.

SPAIN.—The *Philatelic Journal of Great Britain* says that the 1 peseta value of the current set has just been issued, though Scott's Catalogue has priced it for nearly two years.

TRENGANNU.—The two higher values of the current set, announced some time since, have now been issued. The design is the same as the lower values, though larger.

Adhesives.

$5 lilac and green.
$25 green and rose.

VICTORIA.—*Ewen's Weekly* reports that the current 3d stamp has been issued in buff instead of orange. The ½d stamps in the two shilling booklets are now arranged in three rows of four stamps, instead of two rows of six as formerly.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us the 8d pale yellow green on paper watermarked Crown A.

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Early in February the stamps of the regular 1898-1910 issue of China were surcharged with four Chinese characters, reading *Ling shih chung li,* to mean "provisional neutrality"—literally "temporary middle stand." These stamps were prepared in the offices of the Imperial Chinese Post Office. Some of the stamps were sent to Foochow to replace the exhausted stock there, and were issued to the public for two days. I am informed by the Commissioner at that port that the values issued were as follows:—

3c greyish green,	*surcharged in*	red.
$1 red and flesh	"	black.
$2 claret and yellow	"	"
$5 myrtle and salmon	"	"

Postage Due Stamps.

½, 2, 4, 5, 10, 20, and 30 cents.

A telegram was sent by the Director of Communications of Fuhkien province (Foochow being the capital of the province) to the Department of Foreign Affairs of the Republican Government, requesting them to instruct Mr. Piry, the Postal Commissioner, to withdraw the stamps. A translation of this as given in the Official Gazette is as follows:—

"The stamps which bear the characters, *Ling shih chung li,* or 'provisional neutrality,' as designed by Mr. Piry, the Postal Commissioner at Peking, have been sent down to Fuhkien to be issued. I have repeatedly requested Mr. Pot, the Postmaster at Foochow, to devise means to withdraw such stamps and postpone the issuance of same pending the arrival, at Foochow, of a telegraphic reply from the Central Government. I have not as yet received the reply; but as this affair relates to the sovereign rights of the Republic, I deem it necessary to request that you promptly take up the matter with Piry, the Postal Commissioner, and advise me at once as to the result of your consultation."

The Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Military Republic of China, Dr. Wang Chung Hui, now resident in this city, Nanking, objected to the phrase used on the stamps, remarking to me in a personal conversation that "a nation might be neutral, but to call a stamp 'neutral' was absurd." As a result of his objections the issue at Foochow was immediately withdrawn. I have so far been unable to discover how many of each value were actually sold to the public.

The stamps surcharged horizontally with the four characters, *Ling shih chung li* (provisional neutrality), were further surcharged vertically with four characters reading *Chung Hua Ming Kuo,* to mean "Chinese Republic"—literally "Middle flowery people's nation." These were sent to the offices here, and they were received in Nanking a few days ago, sent out from the local Postal Commissioner's Office at four p. m., March 21st, to two of the station offices in this city, the Sanpai-lou station and the Chung-cheng-kai station, where they were placed on sale at nine o'clock on March 22nd, 1912. They were only on sale for two hours, as a telegram was received by the Postal Commissioner from the Postal Commissioner at Peking instructing his office to withdraw the stamps from circulation, which was immediately done; but before the notification could reach the local stations above mentioned, a few of the stamps had been disposed of to the public. The withdrawal was due to further objections on the part of the Government of the Military Republic of China, as is evident from the following copy of a telegram from Provisional President Sun Wen to President Yuan Shih Kai, which was published in the local Government Gazette of March 22nd, 1912:—

"To President Yuan, Pekin.—Mr. Piry, the Postal Commissioner, has had the characters *Ling shih chung li,* or 'provisional neutrality,' imprinted upon the stamps. The Department of Foreign Affairs and the Department of Communications have already instructed him to obliterate these four characters and put *Chung Hua Ming Kuo,* or 'the Republic of China,' in their stead. However, he would not as yet efface the four characters, *Ling shih chung li;* so there now appear on the stamps eight characters, *Chung Hua Ming Kuo, Ling shih chung li,* or 'provisional neutrality of the Republic of China.' This is certainly prejudicial to the national repute. Having heard that such stamps have already been distributed among several provinces, I find it necessary to request that you will instruct Piry to notify by wire the different places concerned that they must do away with the characters *Ling shih chung li,* or 'provisional neutrality,' before they are allowed to issue the stamps. An answer expected.—Sun Wen."

The stamps actually issued and sold to the public on the 22nd, between the hours of nine and eleven, before withdrawal, are as follows:—

1c brownish orange;	red	*surcharge.*
3c greenish grey	"	"
16c olive-green	"	"
$1 red and flesh;	black	"
$2 claret and yellow	"	"
$5 myrtle and salmon	"	"

The only errors I have been able to discover are in the 16 cents, where the surcharge is badly centred. A line drawn through the vertical surcharge on the normal stamp would come between the characters *chung* and *shih,* while on the error *chung* is directly under the character *Hua* of the vertical surcharge. On the error the first character of the horizontal surcharge *Ling* is so far to the right that it does not appear on the stamp, while the same character from the stamp to the left appears on the stamp, thus making the neutrality surcharge read *Shih chung li ling* instead of *Ling shih chung li.* [This is really only a misplacement of the overprint, hardly to be termed an *error.*—Ed. *M. J.*]

This error appears on eight stamps only.

The following table shows the number of stamps issued:—

Value.	No. sent to the offices.	No. returned to the offices.	No. sold to the public.	No. known to have passed through the post offices and been cancelled.	No. held by buyers (probably all unused).
1c	980	none	980	425	565
3c	600	"	600	230	370
16c	75	"	75	38	37
$1	96	"	96	42	54
$2	96	40	56	29	27
$5	212	180	32	12	20

On March 24th stamps of the same issue, with the vertical surcharge *Chung Hua Ming Kuo* (without the neutrality surcharge), were issued to the public and sold at the Nanking offices. The values surcharged and placed on sale were 1, 3, 7, and 16 cents, 1, 2, and 5 dollars, and the Postage Due stamps.

It is reported that a commemorative issue is in preparation bearing the portrait of Sun Yat Sen, and will consist of five values.

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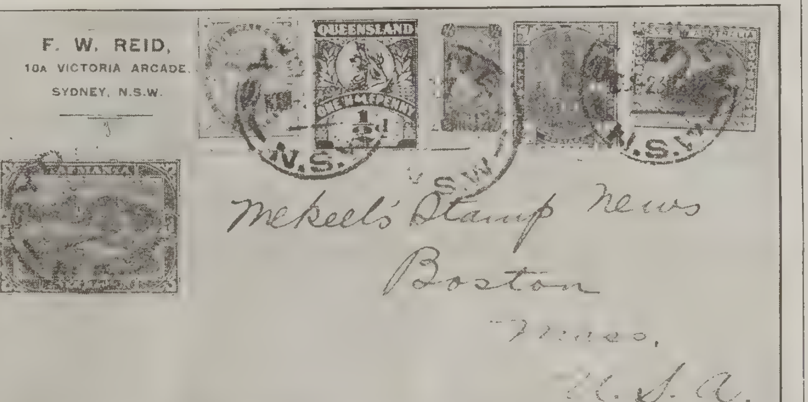
As a supplement to the above, Mr. Harte-Lovelace tells us that he received from Tientsin a set of the current stamps—½, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 16, 20, and 30 cents—overprinted in *blue,* with four characters arranged vertically, meaning "Chinese Republic." His correspondent stated that "these were issued by a local office, and called in when the general issue (surcharged in *red* at Shanghai) was given out." The latter presumably was the series listed in New Issues last month, but there seem to have been various local issues in addition.—*Gibbons Monthly Journal.*



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EDITORIAL.

Looking Ahead—From a Washington officer of the government who favors us occasionally with interesting information, we learn that the proposed Panama-Pacific stamps are to be beautiful and striking productions if the intentions of the department do not miscarry. The interest that is being taken in the forthcoming stamps is such that a careful choice of subjects for designs will be made. There have been submitted a number of sketches for approval, we learn, but it would be premature to say that any choice definitely has been made. The information conveyed by the *Philatelic Gazette* as to the designs is confirmed and the statement of that paper is almost echoed, that Balboa, or the discovery of the Pacific; Panama Canal scene; Golden Gate, and earliest California theme will be exploited on the stamps. Of course, if any singularly happy and original thought comes to notice it will be employed in some way or other, even if any present plans are displaced; and any list is not to be accepted as official until notice to that effect is given. As the *Gazette* says, it is something of a problem to decide upon the subject of the stamp that is to celebrate the state of California and some difficulty is being found in securing a working design that is amply and distinctively historical. We suggest that the discovery of gold at Sutter's in 1849 be included among the ideas that receive consideration as one could not name any event that had so inspiring and impressive an influence on California.

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Next Year—By comparison with 1915, the date of the philatelic exhibition at San Francisco, 1913, when New York's great philatelic festival will be held, is near. Those having the New York exhibition in charge as to the preliminary work are proceeding in a way to compel admiration and confidence; and all sections of the country are being urged to regard the exhibition, intimately and personally. Any impression that the exhibition is wholly for the classes, as contrasted with the masses, is unfair and we have every belief that the classification of exhibits will reveal much cleverness in providing for the collector whose collection may not represent any great outlay of money, but which is yet no ordinary collection.

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Assured—The editor of *Everybody's Philatelist* gives further particulars regarding the journalistic endowment fund, the subject of which he broached a month ago and we are gratified to read that his plan of perpetuation has been received favorably. We read: "We would say that the material support promised already assures the certainty of our endowment. The plan is proving more popular than we had anticipated." When the project was first mentioned, the originality of the idea appealed to some who while sympathetic enough, were dubious as to its practicability. It was our belief that the endowed journal would come only when a philatelic Arcady had been founded but here we see an example of the compelling force of enthusiasm and sincerity when centered on a proposal detached from any selfish motive on the part of its projector. It is hoped that the tenders of support likewise are based on a sense of disinterested conviction; if they are, what now may be only assurances will assume a tangible form. The endowed paper would be issued by Dr. Holt so long as he lives; at his demise the board of trustees who are the custodians of the endowment fund would directly administer the affairs of the paper and choose an editor, who is to serve without financial reward. At his death, Dr. Holt will bequeathe his paper, "with a moderate cash bequest," to the committee in trust. Dr. Holt is grateful to philately for the genial cheer that it has given him and he is anxious to reciprocate the favor.

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Slipped—At a recent meeting of a large philatelic society, a drawing of an outline map of Newfoundland was shown to the members, who were asked to name the "island, a British colony" that the drawing represented. Two prizes were offered for correct answers and there were but two contestants who were right. Notwithstanding that the map of Newfoundland appeared on the common two-cent of 1908 and that some of the newspapers showed it in connection with the Titanic disaster, the question was a poser for the members, many of whom could have told readily of the more minute details of most stamps. Somehow, the picture of the map did not inspire the proper association of ideas and so it is to be seen that what may be termed the obvious in philately is sometimes overlooked.

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Stumped—During the Detroit convention in 1910, the members who had gathered one evening at a *conversatione* that preceded an auction sale were asked to name the portraits on the two and five dollar, 1902, general issue. The question, seemingly so simple, was a stumbling-block; and it was a long time before any of the high-brows present at the American Philatelic Society convention could name the personages; and, as it was, the first answer just reversed the order of Madison and Marshall on the stamps. Of course, the stamps in question are scarce and were not in the small collections, as a rule, nor were illustrations of them seen in the stamp papers. Notwithstanding, the majority of those at Detroit had the stamps in their albums, and dealers among the members had handled dozens of copies of each stamp. We repeat that what is nearest at hand often is overlooked, or, at least, taken for granted; the distant points sometimes seem to be the most attractive.

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Hand in Hand—The postoffice department and the department of agriculture have pooled their interests to the extent that a plan of procedure has been formulated under whose provisions rural and star route carriers "shall report forest fires discovered by them along their routes to persons designated by the state and national authorities to receive such information." Postmasters stationed in or near national forests are instructed to notify the nearest forest officer when fire is discovered.

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Needed—We learn that the Philatelic Literature Society which now has a membership of eighty-four, is issuing to its members a monograph (reprinted from the journal of the society) on "Early English Philatelic Literature, 1862-1865." The authors or compilers of the treatise are Messrs. Anderson and Smith; the first-named being known as one who has given in the past the details of important researches in early English philatelic literature, while Mr. Smith has long had a penchant for the literature of the first era of printed philatelic records. We can conceive of no more necessary and fascinating a work than the one now being produced; and its historical merits cannot be unduly emphasized. In this country, philatelic literature began almost contemporaneously with that of England and an exhaustive and systematic compilation covering the first years of permanent philately here would strike a responsive chord in the breast of the thoughtful philatelist in this country.

OUR REVIEW.

Scott's 1912 Catalog.—This book is a very welcome visitor to the home of the philatelist. It gives evidence of the care taken in its preparation and we can bestow upon it a hearty word of praise. The publishers indicate an evident intention to eliminate "chalky" papers from future editions, and gives this warning, "Unless the present season brings a remarkable change in the lack of interest shown we shall drop these chalky paper varieties from the next edition." The catalog comes in paper and cloth covers, and retails respectively at 60c and 75c. In company with our many subscribers we give the newcomer a hearty greeting.

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NEWS GLEANINGS.

Under this heading we desire to publish all the news from the various philatelic centers. Correspondents' names will be given unless prohibited as we desire to give full credit for services rendered.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from R. G. Montgomery, D. C. Bartley, W. A. Kain, Geo. Pack, J. H. Massey, Hugo Kuenstler (5).

—John A. Muchmore reports unsatisfactory dealings with B. E. Jaffee, 67 Willett St., N. Y. City. It is a case of stamp substitution.

—A. C. Roessler sounds a note of warning in connection with the National Stamp Exchange, 243 E. 30 St., Los Angeles, Cal. Gives as references prominent Californian dealers and has defrauded several parties in N. Y. City. No reply to letters can be secured. The manager of the company is W. D. Keep.

—The Southern Philatelic Assn. will meet at Scranton, Pa., August 12-13-14.

—We are pleased to introduce to our subscribers this week Arthur Irwin Smith, a writer of several years' experience, having contributed to *Judge*, *Popular Educator*, *Ten Story Book* and similar publications. Mr. Smith is an enthusiastic collector and will be heard from quite frequently through our columns.

—From George Pack we receive a clipping that has the startling headline "Stamp Collecting in Serious Danger." The story is built up on no other basis than the introduction of a resolution at the British Congress by Baron Erik Leijohnfud to the effect that the increased use of automatic franking machines for postal purposes constituted a danger to philately. The truth is that the resolution received little support and was rejected by the Congress when put to a vote.

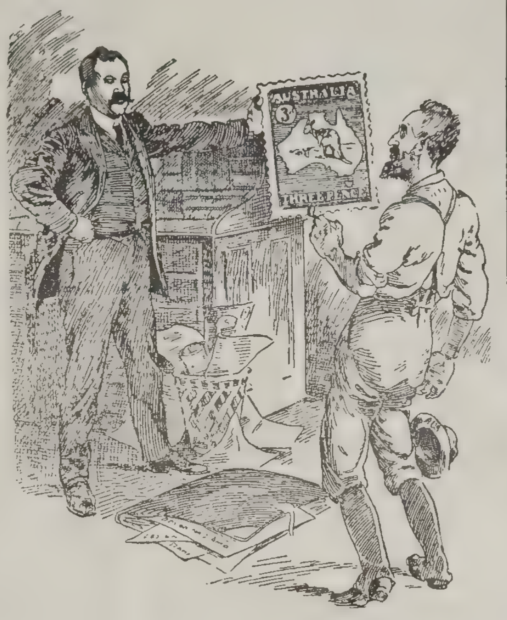
—Two auction catalogs are at hand. P. M. Wolsieffer advertises his 121st sale to take place June 22, consisting of the properties of several U. S. and Canadian philatelists. The Philadelphia Stamp Co. announces a similar auction for June 28, at 116 Nassau St., N. Y. City. It will be an afternoon sale, commencing at 2 o'clock.

—A parcels post has been arranged between the United States and Panama. Postmaster General Hitchcock is negotiating with Portugal, French Guiana, Martinique and Guadaloupe for the extension of the parcels post system to them.

—Geo. S. Dates, Jr., submits a set of five stamps that is being distributed with Helmar cigarettes. Upon the outside of the little transparent envelope in which the stamps are enclosed is this inscription, "Philately. The popular European rage—foreign postage stamps."

—The aviation meet at Saugus, Mass., gives us a rather unique aeroplane cancellation. It consists of the regulation circle, while within it in four lines is the following inscription:—"Aero—Postal Sta.—Saugus—Mass." We are indebted to Arthur T. Brown for specimen submitted.

THE NEW AUSTRALIAN DESIGN.



The new design for the Commonwealth Issue has met with a great deal of criticism. The press of Australia has been particularly bitter in its condemnation of the design. The Sydney *Daily Telegraph* publishes a cartoon that we reproduce through the agency of the *Postage Stamp*. It is entitled "The Stamp of the Commonwealth" and pictures the following fragment of conversation:—

P. M. G. "What do you think of that?"

Australia. "Great Scott! The seven years drought! I didn't think you'd advertise that!"

The Melbourne correspondent of the Sydney *Morning Herald* discussing the design says: "There is no lettering on the map, the bareness of the continent being eliminated by the figure of a kangaroo on a plot of ground. It is not a barren country either, for in front of the animal there is a small plant-like substance. Officially it is kangaroo grass, but the uninitiated might easily take it for an inkpot with two pens sticking up in it. One gentleman who saw it facetiously expressed the opinion that it was a rabbit sticking its head out of a burrow."

OUR PICTORIAL REBUS.

A valued subscriber to the WEEKLY wishes to know whether the designs illustrated in our pictorial rebus, with the exception of possible U. S., are illustrated in Scott's catalog.

In this connection we beg to say that all the designs are made from stamps listed in Scott's catalog. Our rebus is intended to be a stamp hunt and not a catalog hunt. Any designs selected from U. S. stamps would not of course be pictured in the catalog.

There is every indication that this rebus is proving a hard one and subscribers are urged to send in their lists no matter how incomplete they may be.

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	Cat.	Mine
315 N. S. Wales '80, 3p green	.25	.10
317 5p dark green ...	.75	.30
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THE DEPARTMENT STAMPS OF THE U. S.

The stamps which form the subject of these notes make an attractive and handsome collection and are of considerable philatelic interest; a short history, therefore, together with a list of the numbers issued, may be of interest to my readers.

Departmental stamps were first issued in the United States in 1873, to check the growing abuses to which the "franking" system, then extremely prevalent, was subject. This system has never lasted long in any country, owing to the obvious and sometimes flagrant ways in which it was turned to personal advantage.

In America, at this time, when a large number of public men enjoyed the privilege, large trunks, packing cases, and even barrels of wine have been known to pass through the post free of all charge.

At a Congress, however, held at Washington in 1873, it was decided to abolish this system of frankings and to prepare special stamps for the various Departments.

Congress apportioned to each Department stamps up to a certain amount, as follows:—

Agriculture,	$ 52,000
Executive,	1,600
Interior,	330,000
Justice,	15,000
Navy,	38,000
Post Office,	800,000
State,	85,000
Treasury,	504,000
War,	153,000

To begin with it was intended to place some distinctive mark on each series, but after discussion, fearing to over-elaborate the design, it was finally decided to allot a separate colour to each Department.

These stamps were issued on July 1st, 1873, the work of production being undertaken by the Continental Bank Note Company, at the price of 15c (7½d) the thousand. There was a separate series for each Department, containing on an average eleven values, 1c to 90c. Each stamp bore the portrait of some distinguished man, after the following artists:—

1c portrait of Franklin, after Rubrecht
2c portrait of Jackson, after Powers.
3c portrait of Washington, after Houdon.
6c portrait of Lincoln, after Wolk.
7c portrait of Stanton, after a photo.
10c portrait of Jefferson, after Powers.
12c portrait of Clay, after Hart.
15c portrait of Webster, after Clavenger.
24c portrait of Scott, after Coffee.
30c portrait of Hamilton, after Cerrachi.
90c portrait of Perry, after Wolcutt.

The colours allotted to the different Departments were as follows:—

Agriculture—Yellow.
Executive—Carmine.
Interior—Vermilion.
Justice—Mauve.
Navy—Blue.
Treasury—Brown.
War—Dull Rose.
State—Green.

In the State Department there were, in addition to the eleven lower values, four higher ones, consisting of stamps of the value of $2, $5, $10, and $20 each; these four stamps, which were double the size of the others, all bore a portrait of Seward, after Carpenter.

In the case of the Post Office, the portrait is in every case replaced by the value, in large figures; these stamps were printed in black on white paper. The reason for this was that the stamps would have to be distributed among postmasters and so might be confused with the regular issue.

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*U. S. 1893, Columbian Issue, from 1c to $5.00 compl., all unused, nicely centered, (face value $16.34), cheap at.	..	17.65
U. S. 1847, 5c red brown, superb copy used on original letter, red cancellation	..	2.00
U. S. 1857, 3c rose, used on original envelope together with the 1c blue which was attached as a Carrier Stamp, both canc........	?	.25
U. S. 1861, same as last, 3c and 1c used on same envelope	?	.25
U. S. 1890, 2c carmine, Cap on left "2", No. 220b	.10	.03
U. S. 1890, 2c carmine, Cap on both "2", No. 220c	.20	.06
U. S. Revenue Imperf. 50c Orig. Process, fine large margins	.40	.13
U. S. Revenue Imperf. 50c Lease, fine, large margins	1.25	.30
U. S. Revenue Imperf. $1.00 Entry of Goods, very fine large margins	.75	.20
FOREIGN STAMPS		
Austria, 1907 Jubilee, 10kr blue, olive brown and deep brown, superb copy of this scarce stamp, lightly canc.....................	?	1.85
Austria, 1907 Jubilee, Same as last, not quite so fine as to canc. but perfect	?	1.50
Canada, 1912, King George, 20c, good copy, scarce	?	.10
Crete, 1909, 5 on 20, 1l bistre, 1l red, 2l on 20l red, 2l red an 20l red, Nos. 52 to 56, 5 var. used on part original cover	1.83	.60
***Colombia, Antioquia,** 1899, compl. set from ½c to 2p, also the "Registration," "Receipt," and "Too late" Stamps, Scott's Nos. 117 to 129, Nos. 253, 301 and 351, total Cat. value of these 14 var. is	**3.00**	
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***Lichtenstein,** 1912, 5, 10, and 25h, compl. set, unused, mint, o. g..	?	.12
Mozambique Co., 1894, from 5r to 1000r, compl. Nos. 10 to 23, also "Newspaper" stamp, 2½r bistre, No. 102, compl. set of 15 var., very special price	**3.18**	**.88**
Philippine Isl. 1909, 1p pale violet, No. 260, fine canc. copy	.35	.20
Philippine Isl. 1909, Same as last, not quite so fine as to cancellation	.35	.15
***Salvador, 1912,** from 1c to 1 colon compl., all mint, o. g. This set is now current, and one of the prettiest sets ever issued by this Republic........................	..	**1.45**
***Salvador, 1911, Official,** 1c green, 3c on 13c, 5c on 10c, 10c on blue, 12c green, 13c brown, 50c on 10c and the 1 colon on 13c brown, compl. set of 8 var...............	..	**1.00**

☞ **SIAM. We have just received a small** consignment of **some of the scarce high values of this country** 1908 to 1910 issues **which we shall be pleased to submit on approval marked at net prices.**

Tunis, Unpaid, 1888, 1c lilac blue..	.05	.02
" " " 5c grn. No. 112	.20	.06
Tunis Unpaid, 1888, 10c lavender, No. 113...........................	.20	.06
Tunis Unpaid, 1899, 5c yellow green, No. 123.........................	.12	.04

Uruguay, a very fine set of 19 varieties, 1900 to 1910 including some of the scarce new Provisionals	**.83**	**.28**
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***Costa Rica** 1912, Surcharged on **Telegraph Stamps,** 1c on 25c..	?	.04
***Costa Rica** 1912, 2c on 50c, maroon	?	.10
***Costa Rica** 1912, 2c on 1 col. brown	?	.06
***Costa Rica** 1912, 2c on 10 col. red brown..........................	?	.22
The above four stamps together, only	?	**.35**
Japan 1906, 1½s blue, Entire Card, (War Jubilee card and Postmark)	..	.15
Japan 1877, 1000 Japan finely mixed 20 to 25 varieties, catalog about	16.00	.25
Japan 1908, 5 yen green and 10 yen violet both **perfection** copies...	5.00	1.80
Same as last, not quite so fine.......	..	1.25
Same as last, rather heavily cancelled, cheap at	..	1.00
Labuan 1896, 25c, 50c and $1 00 without Surcharge and **imperforated,** not catalogued by Scott, very scarce set, 3 varieties,	?	3.00
***Montenegro** 1874-93, 15n bistre brown, No. 6	.20	.07
***Montenegro** 1898, 7n gray violet, No. 40..............................	.06	.02
***Montenegro** 1898, 10n magenta, No. 41..............................	.08	.02½
***Montenegro** 1898, 25n dull blue, No. 43..............................	.15	.05
***Montenegro** 1894, **Postage Due,** 3, 5, 10, 20, 30 and 50n, all unused mint, 6 varieties	.54	.17
***Montenegro** 1895, **Receipt Stamp,** 10n blue and rose, No. 251	.06	.02
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" King Manoel, Republican Surcharge, 2½, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50,75, 100r .... Set .36
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" French type, New Issue without Wmk., 5frs 1.14
Trengganu, $5 lilac & green 3.24
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Cook Islands, ½d blue green, perf. 14 ..... .02
Aitutaki on New Zealand, ½d King Edward .02
Eloby, 1907, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, Scarce .... Set of 5 .16
Spanish Guinea, 1907, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, Scarce, ... Set of 5 .16
Fernando Poo, 1907, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, Scarce, ... Set of 5 .16

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It is interesting to note that, with the issue of these stamps, the special privilege of "franking" granted by Congress to the widow of Abraham Lincoln, was annulled.

The number of stamps printed for each Department were as follows:—

Agriculture.	
1c,	95,415
2c,	230,150
3c,	435,060
6c,	120,000
10c,	95,220
12c,	51,265
15c,	54,050
24c,	60,265
30c,	82,265

Interior.	
1c,	394,800
2c,	1,413,400
3c,	5,285,500
6c,	1,722,500
10c,	284,350
12c,	359,850
15c,	247,100
24c,	134,125
30c,	138,300
90c,	64,377

Navy.	
1c,	106,800
2c,	201,350
3c,	580,700
6c,	254,800
7c,	16,000
10c,	55,210
12c,	61,300
15c,	37,500
24c,	26,000
30c,	29,600
90c,	11,270

Executive.	
1c,	6,800
2c,	9,100
3c,	23,500
6c,	5,500
10c,	5,510

Treasury.	
1c,	2,000,000
2c,	2,484,000
3c,	11,250,000
6c,	4,105,000
7c,	220,000
10c,	1,291,000
12c,	783,000
15c,	663,000
24c,	100,000
30c,	456,500
90c,	312,500

War.	
1c,	3,301,230
2c,	1,867,150
3c,	5,393,137
6c,	3,564,813
7c,	55,728
10c,	342,753
12c,	792,070
15c,	285,960
24c,	200,925
30c,	336,641
90c,	48,172

State.	
1c,	31,800
2c,	41,800
3c,	109,200
6c,	82,100
7c,	37,800
10c,	64,909
12c,	20,800
15c,	22,800
24c,	13,800
30c,	28,100
90c,	6,643
$2,	3,508
$5,	363
$10,	363
$20,	363

Justice.	
1c,	25,000
2c,	26,900
3c,	182,000
6c,	84,000
10c,	20,000
12c,	26,000
15c,	12,000
24c,	6,400
30c,	8,600
90c,	3,200

Post Office.	
1c,	1,114,250
2c,	894,600
3c,	64,297,600
6c,	3,309,800
10c,	182,460
12c,	298,780
15c,	109,285
24c,	87,625
30c,	133,255
90c,	65,200

This stamp which, notwithstanding the number issued, is catalogued highest, is the 24c Treasury; indeed, it would be difficult to find 500 copies even among the stocks of all the dealers, though 100,000 were originally issued.

Another interesting point in these statistics is the fact that though the number of stamps issued of each of the four high values of the State was the same, the difference in their value to-day is extreme. The $5, though the scarcest of the four in unused condition, is yet the value most frequently met with used. This is explained when we know that the Department of State was in the habit of sending voluminous documents to Ministers and to Consular agents abroad, which documents often required stamps of the value of two to five dollars, while the 10 and 20 dollars were but rarely used. The result was that when the Departmental stamps were suppressed, the greater number of these two higher value stamps remained in the office. We thus find that the present price of the $5 unused is well justified.

While on this subject it may not be without interest to know that six or seven years ago a quantity of the $20 stamps, about a hundred in all, were discovered in Washington and sold to a well-known dealer in that city.

Among the scarce varieties of these stamps are the 10c, 24c and 30c Agriculture; all the Executive; the 90c Interior; the 15c, 24c, 30c and 90c Justice; the 7c, 15c and 90c Navy (the 2c of this was printed in green, by error, but never used, the 2c, 24c, 30c and 90c State, also the dollar values; the 24c Treasury; the 7c War; and the 90c Post Office.

All the stamps printed by the Continental Bank Note Co. were on thin hard paper and perforated 12. In 1879, however, a second printing of some of these stamps was made, this time by the American Bank Note Co., which, however, differs from the productions of the former firm in that all stamps are on soft porous paper, often having a mottled appearance.

The following stamps are known on this soft paper:—

Agriculture, 1 and 3c.
Interior, 1, 2, 3, 6, 10, 12, 15, 24, 30 and *90c.
Justice, 3 and 6c.
Navy, 1c.
Post Office, 3c.
Treasury, 1, 3, 6, 10, 30 and 90c.
War, 1, 2, 3, 6, 10, 12 and 30c.

—*West End Philatelist.*

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A GREAT RARITY.

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By O. D. Challans.

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I took them to the binders and, while discussing different bindings, I said that the books did not particularly need rebinding but were so dirty that I had concluded that rebinding was the only resource. The binder said "Why don't you have them leather covered? That will be cheaper and will give you two fine books." I took him at his word and left the books. When I returned for them in a week he handed me the two books, covered with green morocco leather, each book stamped POSTAGE STAMPS in ½ inch gold letters and, last but not least, a bill for covering the two books of only $3.00.

That gives me two albums, leather bound with the exception of the cloth backs, at a total cost of only $5.75 including the $2.75 I originally paid for the albums.

Of course all binders may not do the work quite as cheaply but it will pay anyone to investigate prices when there is an old album to be freshened up.

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Boston, Mass., June 14, 1912.

The 272nd (regular) meeting of the Society will be held at the Club Room on Tuesday evening, June 18th, at 7.30 o'clock.

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Entries should be left with W. L. Aldrich, 5 Bromfield St., not later than 2 p. m. on June 18th.

Several have already promised entries, and it is to be hoped that many will be interested in the same way. There are many of these *hard-to-get low-priced* stamps. What ones have you that you put in this class?

This is the last regular meeting of the season; come and help make the occasion a memorable one.

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THE TALE OF A STAMP.

I'm a stamp—
A two-center—
A postage stamp—
Don't want to brag,
But I was never licked
Except once,
By a gentleman, too.
He put me on
To a good thing;
It was an envelope,
Perfumed, pink, square,
I've been stuck on
That envelope
Ever since!
He dropped us—
The pink envelope and me—
Through a slot in a dark box;
But we were rescued
By a mail clerk—
More's the pity
He hit me an awful
Smash with a hammer,
It left my face black and blue;
Then I went on a long journey
Of two days
And when we arrived—
The pink envelope and me—
We were presented
To a perfect love
Of a girl.
With the stunningest pair
Of blue eyes
That ever blinked.
Say, she's a dream!
Well, she mutilated
The pink envelope
And tore one corner
Of me off with a hairpin;
Then she read what was inside
The pink envelope;
Then she kissed me—
Oh, you little godlets!
Her lips were ripe as cherries
And warm as the summer sun.
We—the pink envelope and me—
Are now in her bosom.
We can hear her heart throb when
It goes the fastest.
She takes us out and kisses me.
Oh, say!
This is great!
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WITH THE BOY PHILATELIST.

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We propose to insert upon this page matter that will be of interest to the boy collector. Some two thousand boys are now on our mailing list and it is our desire to come closely in contact with them in such a manner as will be most helpful. Any information desired will be cheerfully rendered through these columns. Do not submit stamps for examination.

THE BEGINNERS GUIDE.

SEPARATION (*Continued*).

Having described the various sorts of perforation it will be as well to explain how perforations are measured. Owing to the fact that the needles or punches are not similar in size or similarly spaced on all perforating machines we get various "gauges." A standard of measurement has been adopted by philatelists for distinguishing between these numerous varieties and a stamp is said to be perforated 10, 11½, 15, or whatever it may be, according to the number of holes that may be counted in the space of 20 millimetres. Naturally the number of holes on the side of the stamp do not count as the gauge for not only are most stamps shorter at the top and bottom than at the sides but, as the beginner will soon note, stamps of different countries or different issues, or even different values vary in size. If one purchases a good perforation gauge (and most dealers can supply these useful helps for about 10c) it is a simple matter to determine the gauge of the perforation on any particular stamp and at the same time unnecessary to count the holes. On the gauge are a number of divisions, each of the exact width of 20 millimetres, in which are a number of dots or short lines. To ascertain the gauge of a particular stamp it is only necessary to compare the perforations with the marks on the gauge and when both coincide the number printed on the division in question indicates the gauge. It is not necessary to fit the stamp on all of the divisions to find the gauge. A good catalogue, which every beginner should possess, will mention the varieties of perforation that may be found in connection with any given stamp or issue. Thus if a stamp is catalogued as only perf. 12 it is hardly requisite to measure the perforations at all. If, however, a stamp is known perf. 14 and also 12½,—one has only to place it on the 14 and 12½ spaces indicated on the gauge to tell which it is.

When a stamp is catalogued as perf. 14 it means that the perforation gauges 14 on all four sides. Occasionally, however, the gauge at the sides of a stamp is different from that at the top and bottom. This is caused by the use of two machines of different gauge in those cases where single line machines are used or is due to the fact that the short lines on a "comb" machine have the needles differently spaced to those on the long row. In these instances stamps are said to have compound perforation which is expressed in print as, say, 10 x12. This would mean that the perforation measured 10 horizontally (*i. e.* top and bottom) and 12 vertically (the sides). In the case of compound perforation the horizontal perf. is always named first. This is a practically universal rule now and thus saves much confusion.

Roulettes also differ in gauge and these are measured in the same manner —that is, the number of slits or curves that may be counted in the space of 20 millimetres constitutes the gauge.

Some of the different sorts of perforation listed in the catalogues appear somewhat trivial but, as a rule, they are of importance to the specialist. For instance Gibbons' catalogue lists the Bulgarian stamps of the 1889 type as perf. 13 and also perf. 13½. This difference of half a perforation is so slight that most beginners would fail to distinguish between the two. Yet this small difference marks two distinct issues, printed in sheets of distinct sizes, and probably at different printing establishments. Differences in perforation are often the sole means of identifying between different issues of stamps or of distinguishing originals from reprints and forgeries so that their importance in the scheme of collecting is easily understood.

The beginner, however, will be well advised not to attempt, at first, to collect varieties of perforations as such. It is a matter that can be left until the collection has become fairly advanced. At first he will find the accumulation of ordinary straightforward varieties quite as much as he can manage though, naturally, if he has been so fortunate as to acquire any rare varieties of perforation it is as well he should be able to identify them.

SHORT REPLIES.

B. F. G. (Elgin, Ill.)—Cannot understand your query regarding the 3c U. S. (2). The 30c on soft paper belongs to the issue of 1879. I cannot tell you whether it is grey-black or full-black from your description. The difference in color in different parts of the design is simply due to the effect of light and heavy shading. (3) The "8908" errors on the Nicaraguan provisionals of 1908 only occurred once in each setting. The setting consisted of 25 stamps though the unsurcharged fiscal stamps were in sheets of at least 50. Gibbons' prices the 4c on 5c with this error at $2.00. (4) The United States stamps surcharged 2½c for use in Cuba in 1899 were possibly requisitioned in error. At any rate the value was not required so these stamps were sold to the public at 2c each. (5) Double paper is a paper that was used experimentally for certain U. S. stamps. This consisted of a very thin paper superimposed on a backing of thick paper. The design was printed on the top of thinner paper and any attempt to erase cancellation marks resulted in the destruction of the top layer of paper and with it the design.

S. M. R. (Fayettesville.)—Revenue stamps used postally have little philatelic value unless their postal use was officially authorized.

Written for MEKEEL'S WEEKLY.

THE BOY WHO KNEW.

By ARTHUR IRWIN SMITH.

"I think stamp collecting is silly," declared Thomas Rawdon, a light-haired boy with shifty gray eyes.

"I do not," replied Edgar Allen. He was a year younger than Thomas, yet at school they were in the same grade. "Of course you have a perfect right to consider it silly if you wish, but on the other hand it is nobody's business if I do something silly. As to whether there is any real good in collecting stamps, that is a matter of personal opinion; and I know the best informed people have the same opinion I have."

Thomas turned to Aileen, his sister, and said something in a low tone; then giggled, and walked off down the street.

Edgar reddened slightly, then looked up at Aileen. She was not smiling.

"Thomas is hateful," she exclaimed. "Of course," she added, "I don't know much about stamps, but I'd like to learn."

"It is great sport, I think," Edgar told her. "I have only a small collection that has not cost me very much, yet it contains two thousand different stamps from nearly a hundred different countries. It gives a fellow a funny feeling to hold in his hand a stamp that he knows belongs to some queer nation on the other side of the world. You ought to see some of the strange dragon stamps I have from China, and the Japanese ones with chrysanthemums."

"I'll let you show me sometime," said Aileen. "Anyway, I don't want you to think that I agree with Thomas."

Edgar and Aileen were good friends and never had a quarrel, but Thomas was disagreeable. Perhaps Thomas was jealous of the way Edgar stood in his studies at school, or of the way he made friends. Nearly everybody seemed to know and to like Edgar; he was always cheerful and had a pleasant word for anyone he met.

The minister had started him to collecting stamps, giving him as a nucleus for a nice little collection, some stamps that had been sent from China and from Africa by his missionary friends. At the same time he had offered to divide with Thomas, but that youth spurned anything that came from the preacher. He considered it more manly to avoid preachers and girls and books, and thought it great sport to slip away and go fishing on Sunday and hide in the bushes and smoke cigarettes.

It happened that a millionaire from the city purchased a country home out near where the Allens and Rawdons lived, and built up some very beautiful grounds around his mansion. His servants were all brought out from the city, and his private secretary was a New Yorker who wore gold-rimmed glasses. Some of the Elton boys had hoped to get employed by him during the summer but their applications were all turned down courteously. Mr. Ordway preferred to have experienced help from the city.

Thomas and Edgar were alike in thinking that it would be very pleasant to have some kind of position on Mr. Ordway's place during the summer vacation. Thomas would have been glad to do any kind of work, just that he might say he was working for the millionaire.

"Wouldn't it be fine," thought Edgar, "to be his private secretary."

That winter Edgar divided his evenings between his stamps and the study of stenography. Thomas laughed equally loud at his new hobby.

"Nobody but girls and 'sissies' are stenographers," he declared.

"That's all right," replied Edgar, smiling good-naturedly. "It won't hurt me to learn it, I guess."

So all through the winter he struggled with the curves and hooks of shorthand and by spring had acquired an astonishing speed. He had rented a typewriter and mastered the touch system, so that he could either write or typewrite anything that was dictated to him just about as fast as one could talk.

Spring found Edgar in bad financial condition. His correspondence course in stenography had cost considerable, and he owed some rent on his typewriter. His father had felt some business reverses during the winter, and had to tell Edgar that he could let him have no more money. So it became necessary for the boy to get out and earn some money in some way.

The season was dull and he hardly knew where to look for work. To raise some money immediately he offered his stamp collection for sale, and was surprised when it brought enough to clear his debts and furnish a few dollars spending money besides. It was very unpleasant to let go his beautiful stamps, but there was consolation in the fact that he could build up a bigger and better collection when he secured regular work.

Along in May Edgar's quick eye caught sight of a want advertisement in the *Elton Daily News*:

"Wanted: A bright young man for office work. Apply between 10 and 11 A. M. at Woodham Place."

"Mr. Ordway," muttered Edgar, as he reached for the hair brush. He must get himself in shape to apply for the position at once.

At 10 o'clock sharp, he walked up to Woodham Place, Mr. Ordway's country home. and was ushered into the reception hall. Thomas Rawdon, and several other boys whom he did not know so well, were already there. "Sister Edgar," sneered Thomas, "you don't think you stand a show for this job, do you?"

"I have as good a chance as you, perhaps better," retorted Edgar.

Directly they were ushered into the room which served as library and business office.

"Young men," said Mr. Ordway, in a kindly manner, "I want a bright, well-informed young fellow to assist my private secretary through the summer. It will be necessary for him to spend quite a good deal of time in the city, and at times there will be considerable responsibility upon his assistant. I will question all of you and try to learn who is best qualified for the place."

Continuing in his affable way, he asked each of the boys his name and age, what he had been doing and how he stood at school. The answers were rather uniform and Mr. Ordway seemed at a loss as to how he should proceed.

"Well, boys," he remarked, finally, "I will test you with a few practical questions concerning matters that might come up in the course of business. If I were to send you to mail a package of business papers to the Philippine Islands how much postage would you put on the envelope, provided the package weighed three ounces?"

"Six cents," replied Edgar, quickly.

"Correct. But suppose the papers were going to Port Said, Egypt?"

"Fifteen cents, sir."

"How do you know?"

"I learned the foreign postage rates a good while ago. I have been collecting stamps for several years and I used to correspond with a collector in Port Said."

"Was the collector's name Jacques Duprez?"

"Yes, sir," responded Edgar, his eyes opening wide in surprise, "but—"

"Oh, I have corresponded with him myself," said Mr. Ordway. "I collect stamps, too."

Thomas Rawdon squirmed uneasily. Somehow Edgar could not keep from glancing over at him.

Mr. Ordway questioned Edgar a little further, drew from him the fact that he understood shorthand and typewriting, and engaged him upon the spot. He was to begin work the next dav.

The boys prepared to leave together. Those who had lost were good-natured about it; there was no ill-feeling in the crowd, even Thomas being cheerful.

Mr. Ordway stepped to the door. "Edgar," he remarked, "it may be that when my secretary has no further need of your assistance, I can use you in working with my stamps. I have a collection valued at fifty thousand dollars, and if you know enough about stamps to help me I will be glad to keep you employed permanently."

"Do you think collecting is silly?" asked Edgar of Thomas, as they neared their homes.

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(14) Exhibits intended for competition must be entered in the class appropriate to such exhibits in the following scheme of competition. Exhibits which the owners may desire to enter "not for competition" will be shewn so marked and in their proper classes.

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(16) Exhibitors may send short descriptions of their exhibits for inclusion in the Official Catalogue, but such descriptions may be modified, altered, or omitted at the discretion of the Executive Committee. To facilitate the compilation of the Catalogue exhibitors are desired to send in their descriptions as early as possible during September, and not later than October 6.

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with the words "Stamp Exhibition" in the upper left-hand corner of the envelope.

Notes.

Unused and used stamps may be shewn together or separately, except where one or other kind is expressly stipulated (*e. g.*, Class B, Section 2).

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Section 2. Any other country, or specialised group of States.

Awards. Sections 1 and 2: one Great Gold, and one Gold Medal in each.

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Section 1. Postage Stamps of all classes. Unused, or unused and used together.

Section 2. Postage Stamps of all classes. Used only.

Section 3. Postage Stamps of Great Britain used abroad, and Telegraph, Telephone, Local, and Railway Letter Fee Stamps.

Section 4. Stamped postcards, envelopes, and other postal stationery.

Awards. Sections 1 and 2: one Gold, one Silver, and one Bronze Medal in each; Sections 3 and 4: one Silver-gilt and one Bronze in each.

Class C.—British Empire.

Section 1. British Guiana, Ceylon, Mauritius, Transvaal (including the South African Republic), British India (With or without Native Convention or Feudatory States).

Section 2. New South Wales, South Australia, Queensland, Western Australia, Victoria, Tasmania, New Zealand, Papua (including British New Guinea), Fiji Islands.

Section 3. Barbados, Canada, Cape of Good Hope, Natal, Nevis, Newfoundland, Orange River Colony (including the Orange Free State), St. Vincent, Trinidad, Turks' Islands, Straits Settlements (With or without Federated Malay States).

Section 4. Any other past or present colony or protectorate of Great Britain in the Eastern Hemisphere.

Section 5. Any other past or present colony or protectorate in the Western Hemisphere.

Awards. Sections 1, 2, and 3: one Gold, and two Silver Medals; Sections 4 and 5: one Gold, one Silver and one Bronze Medal.

Class D.—Europe and Colonies.

Section 1. German Empire, Old German States (including Bavaria and Wurtemburg), Austria, Hungary, Bosnia.

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Section 4. France, Holland, Luxemburg, Belgium, Spain, Portugal, Turkey.

Section 5. Any group of colonies of an European State except Great Britain.

Awards. One Gold, one Silver, and one Bronze Medal in each section.

Class E.—America.

Section 1. United States of America (with or without Postmasters' Stamps), Confederate States, Hawaiian Islands, Mexico.

Section 2. Any South American State, or group of such States.

Section 3. Any Central American State, or group of such States; any United States colony or possession, or group of such possessions (Panama, Canal Zone, Philippine Is., Cuba, Guam, Porto Rico may be reckoned as available for inclusion in this Section, but not Hawaii which is provided for in Section 1).

Awards. Sections 1 and 2: one Gold, one Silver, and one Bronze Medal; Section 3: one Silver-gilt, and one Bronze Medal.

Class F.—Asia, Africa, etc.

Section 1. China, Japan, Persia, Siam, Egypt.

Section 2. Any other non-British country not provided for in Classes D and E or Section 1 of Class F.

Awards. Section 1: one Gold, and one Silver Medal; Section 2: one Silver and one Bronze Medal.

Class G.—Single Issues Specialised.

Section 1. Any single issue of stamps printed from recess-plates.

Section 2. Any single issue of stamps printed direct from lithographic stone or by other kindred planographic process.

Section 3. Any single issue of stamps printed by any other process than those provided for in Sections 1 and 2.

Awards. A Great Gold Medal will be given for the best exhibit in this Class (presented by Baron Erik Leijonhufvud). In addition one Gold, and one Silver in each of Sections 1 and 2; and two Silver, and two Bronze Medals in Section 3.

Class H.—Local Postage Stamps.

Section 1. United States of America, Russian Zemstvo or Rural stamps.

Section 2. Local stamps of any other country, or group of countries, or group of issuing private concerns.

Awards. One Silver and one Bronze Medal in each Section.

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(*In plain or printed albums.*)

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(*Up to 21 years of age.*)

Section 1. Specialised collections of any country.

Section 2. General collections of over 3,000 stamps.

Section 3. General collections of under 3,000 stamps.

Awards. The Junior Championship Cup. Exhibits in this class are all eligible for the Junior Championship. Also one Gold, one Silver, and one Bronze Medal in Sections 1 and 2; and one Silver and one Bronze in Section 3.

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Section 4. Specialised collections of any country.

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Section 6. General collections of under 2,000 stamps.

Awards. Exhibits are eligible for the Junior Championship Cup; also one Silver and one Bronze Medal in each Section.

Class K.—Postal Stationery.

Section 1. Collections of impressed postal stationery (postcards, wrappers, envelopes, etc.) of any European country (except Great Britain) or of any group of colonies of an European country.

Section 2. General collections of impressed postal stationery.

Awards. One Silver-gilt and one Bronze Medal in each Section.

Class L.—Rarities.

Section 1. Selections of 25 to 50 rare stamps (or pairs, strips or blocks counted as one) shewn by collectors.

Section 2. Selections of 25 to 50 rare stamps (or pairs, strips, or blocks counted as one) shewn by dealers.

(*Special Entrance Fee for Section 2. For particulars apply to the Hon. Secretary.*)

Awards. One Gold and one Silver Medal in each Section.

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Section 1. Collections of Proofs and Essays.

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Awards. One Silver and one Bronze Medal in each Section.

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Section 1. Monographs in the English language.

Section 2. Monographs in a foreign language.

Section 3. Philatelic journals in the English language.

Section 4. Philatelic journals in a foreign language.

Section 5. Albums exhibited by their publishers.

Section 6. Accessories, patented or manufactured articles for the use of philatelists.

Awards. One Silver-gilt and one Bronze Medal in each Section.

Class O.—Manufacture of Postage Stamps.

(*For Engravers and Manufacturers of Postage Stamps.*)

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UNITED STATES 1c OF 1890-98.

By Bertram W. H. Poole.

Historical.

This 1 cent stamp was engraved and printed by the American Bank Note Company of New York and was first placed on sale on February 22, 1890. The official description of the design and color was as follows:—

"*One Cent.* Profile bust, after Rubricht, of Benjamin Franklin, looking to the left, on an oval disk, with dark background and narrow white border, immediately above which, set in a panel conforming to the curve of the disk, are the words '*United States Postage*' in white capitals, and below which, in slightly larger and shaded letters, arranged in a waved line running nearly across the whole width of the stamp, are the words '*one cent.*' Just above these latter words, on either side, is a white numeral of denomination—the arabic figure '1'—in a small oval space, surornate score, the upper portion of which is connected with and serves as a support to the panel around the medallion. The article is placed upon a distinctly lined oblong tablet, seven-eighths of an inch high by three-fourths of an inch wide, with beveled sides and bottom. The color is ultramarine blue."

To this description we need only add that the stamps were printed on the soft porous paper usually associated with the productions of this company. That the gum varies in color from yellowish brown to white, and that the perforation gauges 12.

In 1894 the stamp printing contract, which had been held by the American Bank Note Company was awarded to the Government Bureau of Engraving and Printing, and as all my readers are aware, this department has since been responsible for the production of all United States postage stamps. On the 30th of June, 1894, all the dies, rolls and plates and a large stack of stamps was transferred to the custody of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. It was decided not to alter the designs of the stamps, but the manufacturers, thought fit to add a work by means of which their work can be distinguished from that of the previous manufacturers. This distinctive work took the form of a double-lined triangle added to each of the upper corners.

The Triangle.

The triangles are curved on the sides adjacent to the portrait medallion and attached to the center of each of the inner lines is a small colored dot. These additions were evidently made to the original dies supplied by the American Bank Note Company. The first 1c stamps printed by the Bureau were placed on sale on October 10, 1894. At first a thick soft weave paper was used somewhat similar to that employed for the 1890 issue, but later paper of a different quality, its "forms" was made use of.

In 1895 watermarked paper was introduced, as an additional safeguard against forgery, the device adopted, being a repetition of the letters "U. S. P. S." (United States Postal Service) in large double-lined Roman capitals. The 1c stamp on the newspaper was issued in April 29, 1895. At first the watermark was very indistinct and on the stamps forming part of the early supplies it is very difficult to distinguish. Later on the method of manufacturing the paper was improved upon with the result that the watermark may be discovered with a little less difficulty though, at its best, it is inferior to the watermarks shown in the stamps of most other countries. The letters were so arranged that one should face on each stamp but, as a matter of fact, one rarely finds a complete letter on any single stamp.

On January 14, 1898, the color of this stamp was changed to green in accordance with an agreement made with the Universal Postal Union to adopt the colors recognized by the Union, for 1c, 2c and 5c stamps before January 1, 1899. No change was made in the design and the green stamp remained in use until an entirely new series made its appearance three years later. All the stamps produced by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing have white to yellowish gum, while the perforation gauges 12 as before.

The Plates.

All the plates for the 1c value produced by the American Bank Note Co., contained 400 stamps but the impressions were, as usual, cut up into sheets of 100 stamps before issue. The imprint "*American Bank Note Company,*" is shown in heavy-faced shaded capitals above the center of each upper pair of 100 stamps, and below the central stamps of the bottom row of each lower pair. To the left of each imprint is the serial letter or letter and number and at the right the number of the plate is shown in italics, thus "*No. 258.*" Altogether nine series of five plates each were used, viz.: C. 11 to 15; G. 36 to 40; Q. 89 to 93; B. B. 145 to 149; F. F. 165 to 169; U. U. 240 to 244; C.1, 280 to 284; D.1, 285 to 269; and F.1, 295 to 299.

The plates manufactured by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, likewise all consisted of 400 impressions, which were divided into sheets of 100 stamps before issue. The lines of division are indicated by arrowheads in the margins and on some plates, by ruled lines. The imprint, consisting of the words "Bureau, Engraving and Printing" in small uncolored letters on a colored oblong tablet, appears eight times in the margin of each plate so that it appears on the two outer margins of each pair of 100 stamps. The plate number is always placed at the right of each imprint. The first, which appears on all plates 2 to 35 inclusive has simply a thin frame line around the inscribed rectangle while the second variety, found on all other plates, has a rosette and arrow-head ornament at each end of the imprint. No less than three different styles of numerals were used for denoting the plate numbers. For numbers 2 to 122 inclusive the figures were 3 mm. high; for numbers 165 to 314 inclusive they were 2½ mm. high and much thicker, while for numbers 333 onwards, thin fancy figures also 2½ mm. high, once used. The stamps on unwatermarked paper were printed from plates 2, 6, 15, 17, 18, 21, 24, 24, 29, 31, 33, 35, 98, 99, 101, 102, 119, 120, 121 and 122. For the blue stamps on watermarked paper the same plates were used with the exception of Nos. 2, 6, 15, 17, 18, 21 and 27, and in addition sixty-five new plates ranging from No. 165 to No. 496 were used. When the color of the stamp was changed to green, plates 429, 440, 441, 442, 446, 452, 493, 494, 495 and 496, which has previously been employed for the blue stamps were used. Although plate No. 442 is included in the official list Mr. Huff tells us that "philatelists have been unable to satisfy the statement." A large number of new plates were used later, ranging from No. 526 to 1148 or even higher. The complete list of plate numbers issued down to 1907 is given in Mr. Luff's "Postage Stamps of the United States" and I must refer collectors to that conventional work for these details.

The collections of all these plate numbers would prove a fairly formidable charge if not impossible task. It would certainly prove a valuable collection and though the plate numbers and imprints themselves probably offer no scope for study the original strips showing these details are of invaluable assistance in practically the only line of research these stamps afford.

Guide Dots.

The chief interest in these stamps, from a specialist's point of view, centers around the guide dots and a careful study of these might lead to very interesting conclusions. These guide marks face into two main divisions—those on the transfer rolls, which are rolled into the plates at the same time as the impressions and those worked on the plates before any impressions have been rolled in. Of these the transfer-roll dots are by far the more interesting. I take it my readers are fully conservant with the manner in which a stamp design is transferred from the original die to the plate. The water mediary, is known as the transfer-roll, receives the impression from the die and transfers it to the plate. To facilitate the correct delinquent of the impressions the American Bank Note Company were in the habit of adding a small dot near the right hand side of the design on the transfer-roll. Then as each impression was rolled in, a mark was made on the plate which served as a guide for the correct placing of the next impression in the row. As a rule these dots were so placed that as each was worked on the plate, it was obliterated by the next impression of the stamp design. Sometimes, however, they were in such a position that they show on some unshaded or lightly shaded portions of the design. They always appear in the right hand margin, for, of course, the dots made in rolling in the era stamps are not obliterated, and it is this fact that makes the plate number strips from the right-hand sides of the sheets so valuable. If the distances between these dots and the edges of the stamp were measured and carefully tabulated it would not be possible to say how many different kinds of rolls were employed. In the 1890 issue I find the distances are 3¼, 3½, and 3¾ mm. and probably others exist.

The Bureau of Engraving and Printing also adopted this system of working guide-dots on the transfer-rolls. Naturally as there were numerous plates there were also a good many

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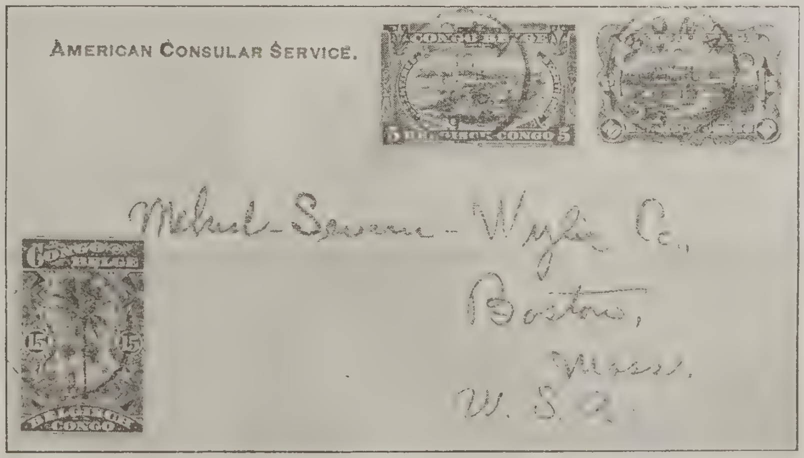

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A correspondent suggests that an article dealing with hard-to-get stamps would be appreciated by our readers. We invite contributions to a symposium, suggesting that it be confined to stamps that catalog $2.00 and under. We shall hope to have a sufficient number of entries to make a worthy contribution to our columns.

(*Contributed by A. E. Bartlett.*)

Have been much interested in your correspondents lists of "Hard-to-get stamps under $2.00."

The stamp that I had the hardest time to connect with, is the one peso of Cuba of 1898, number 174.

Although I have good friends in Cuba, who have furnished me with lots of the high priced stamps, none of them can get me the 174. Have written several dealers and have had many promises, but the best so far has been a revenue cancelled specimen.

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NEWS GLEANINGS.

Under this heading we desire to publish all the news from the various philatelic centers. Correspondents' names will be given unless prohibited as we desire to give full credit for services rendered.

—John H. Frederick, 9 Belmont Circle, Trenton, N. J., would like the present address of W. R. Lindsay, formerly at Ardmore, Pa.

—Certain fraudulent surcharges have recently been put into circulation by a Los Angeles dealer. We are desirous of securing information and shall be pleased to hear from any subscribers who may wish to submit their purchases for inspection.

—L. J. Moulton of Boulder, Colo., was a recent visitor at the WEEKLY office. Mr. Moulton has been taking a vacation trip east. His success with our trade column advertising has resulted in a contract for displayed advertising commencing September 1. These lines will explain his failure to reply to correspondence that has been addressed to Boulder in his absence.

—The French Minister for the Colonies and the Under Secretary of Posts and Telegraphs have promised their aid to the coming Philatelic Exposition in Paris. The Under Secretary will be present at the opening.—*Revue Philatelique Francaise.*

—"A good thing will always come out on top. By the enclosed set of stamps, you can see that the habit has penetrated as far as the cigarette box. The enclosed is the original, just as it was taken from the box. This is liable to start a boom in stamp collecting."—A. STEINBERG. We are similarly favored by Jas. D. Patterson of N. Y. City.

—Herman W. Boers states that he has seen the new 1c stamp without capital Bureau imprint in the following numbers, 5807, 5828, 5831. Also the new 2c in 5827, 5872 and 5888.

—O. D. Challans reports unsatisfactory dealings with the Moosic Stamp Co., a boy concern of Moosic, Pa., also with A. Stewart, Chicago, Ill., recently reported by Mr. Leonard.

—*L'Echo de la Timbrologie* is gently ironical over the reported destruction by Colombia of remainders of demonetized stamps to the number of 10,903,460, but says: "They don't tell us the one thing that we wish to know, that is, what stamps they are which have met this mournful fate. Whichever they may be, we salute the victims and admire the beauty of a sacrifice to which Colombia has not been accustomed."

—We have repeatedly called dealers' attention to the fact that care should be exercised in sending out approval selections to a coterie of boys on the east side of N. Y. City who are making a business of defrauding dealers. The latest complaint comes from the Payn Stamp Co. of Los Angeles, Cal., which desires information from anyone who has had unsatisfactory dealings with B. E. Jaffee, Abe Rubin, Sidney Lorenz, Henry Altrest, H. Pfesdorf, A. Koppel and R. H. Weinberg. Address the company at 2340 Garnet St. and send as complete data as possible.

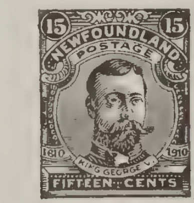
—J. E. Handshaw, Mrs. Handshaw and their two sons, sail for Europe June 29, and will visit the principal points of interest in England, France and Germany, possibly extending their trip as far as Rome. The party will return in September and as might naturally be expected, Mr. Handshaw will combine business with pleasure.

—Herman W. Boers informs us that the new 2c stamps are appearing without the Bureau of Engraving imprint and the letter A. Mr. Boers has seen Nos. 5919, 5920 and 5923 and submits a specimen of the last named for our inspection. No 1c stamps have yet been seen.

NEWFOUNDLAND 1910 CHECK LIST.

Lithographed by Messrs. Whitehead, Morris & Co., Ltd., of London. White wove paper. Perforated 12.

One value of the set of eleven bears a portrait of King George, the remainder showing other portraits or designs.



The full set comprises:—

Perforated 12.

1c, green (King James I.).
2c, rose (Arms of London & Bristol Co.).
3c, drab (John Guy).
4c, violet (The "Endeavour.").
5c, cobalt (View of Cupids).
6c, claret (reversed "Z") } (Lord Bacon).
6c, claret (normal "Z") }
8c, bistre (View of Mosquito).
9c, olive-green (A Logging Camp).
10c, slate (Paper Mills at Grand Falls).
12c, pale brown (King Edward).
15c, black (King George).

Perforated 12x14.

1c, green.
2c, rose.
5c, cobalt.

Perforated 12x11.

1c, green.

Perforated 12x11½.

2c, rose.

Similar designs, but recess-printed. White wove paper. Perforated 14, 14½.

Six values, as given below, were printed direct from the plates, including that showing His Majesty's head.

February, 1911. 15 cents, slate-green.

The six values are:—

6c, claret.
8c, bistre.
9c, olive-green.
10c, black.
12c, brown.
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Providence, R. I., 1c 1912, normal; type IV.
Buffalo, N. Y., 2c 1912, normal; type IV.
Providence, R. I., 1c 1912, reading up; type IV.
Chicago, Ill., 2c 1912, normal; type V, no lower line.
Cleveland, Ohio, 15c 1910, inverted; type IV.
Cleveland, Ohio, 6c 1910, normal; type IV.
Covington, Ky., 1c 1910, inverted; type V.

Kendall P. Smith reports having received a copy of the new die of the 2c envelope, size 13, on blue; watermarked U. S. S. E.; new knife.

D. H. Graham reports having obtained at his local post-office a bunch of reversed envelopes, size 5, new knife, 2c carmine on amber, new watermark. The gum is on the outside and the stamp on the inside, at the left upper corner.

ANGOLA.—The New England Stamp Co. has shown us the new set of King Manuel stamps, surcharged "Republica," chronicled last week.

ARGENTINE.—Several changes have been made in the stationery issued with the new stamps, the first to appear with the stamps changed from San Martin to the Laborer being the express letter cards of the values of 30c and 60c. The colors of the paper used is changed, the simple paid card being buff with white inside, while the reply card is gray with white inside. The stamps are printed in red and the remainder of the printing in black.

Express Letter Cards.

30c red on buff.
60c red on gray.

BELGIUM.—*Maury's Collectionneur* says that the 40c value will shortly appear. The same paper chronicles the issue of a new telegram or express card, with portrait of King Albert, but without Sunday coupon, though the very elaborate instructions to users are printed in both French and Flemish.

Telegram Card.

30c dark green on greenish.

BRUNEI.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us the 4c value in the new color announced some time since.

Adhesive.

4c claret.

COLOMBIA.—*Madrid Filatelico* says that the 10c value of the 1904 series has been issued in a modified design, and is now printed by the "Litografia Nacional.

Adhesive.

10c violet.

FRENCH MOROCCO.—A new series of stamps is being prepared to signalize the French Protectorate over Morocco, according to the *Revue Francaise des Collectionneurs.* The design will resemble that in use for Somali Coast. The inscriptions will be in Arabic and the values will be expressed in mouzana, equivalent to centimos. The features of the design will be a Moorish arcade, a minaret and a palm, with a native in the foreground.

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FRENCH OCEANICA.—New stamps are being prepared for the Islands included under the head of French Oceanica. The stamps will be of large size and will show three designs. The first showing a Tahiti woman in an oval with flowers in her hair; the second, two natives, one sitting and the other standing, with two palms at the left and in the distance a chain of mountains; and the third a mountain in one of the islands.

GERMANY.—The *Philatelic Gazette* says there is talk in philatelic circles in Germany of a special commemorative stamp to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Kaiser's accession to the throne, June 15, 1913. No difficulty is anticipated in finding an artist in the imperial printing plant to supply a satisfactory design. As the time for preparation is somewhat brief, the issue will probably be confined to one value, either the 5pf or 10pf stamp. *Maury's Collectionneur* says that the commemorative issue will be a post card.

MOZAMBIQUE.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us the King Manuel set for this Colony, surcharged "Republica." The design is the same as the Cape Verde and Angola stamps recently chronicled, except in minor changes in the figures of value.

Adhesives.

2½ reis lilac.
5r black.
10r olive green.
20r carmine.
25r brown violet.
50r dark blue.
75r bistre brown.
100r brown on green.
200r green on salmon.
300r black on blue.
500r olive and brown lilac.

Whitfield King & Co. are informed that the number of stamps of this new type available for surcharging is limited, the 2½r value of Angola and Cape Verde being already exhausted.

PHILIPPINES.—According to the *Philatelic Gazette*, the stamps issued on paper with the new watermark, with printed "O. B." surcharge, are the 2c, 6c, 10c, 20c and 30c. This printed surcharge is now used much more extensively than formerly, several of the bureaus seeming to have given up the hand-stamping method. The *Gazette* says that the day will come when catalogues will recognize these official stamps, and list simply two kinds, one set hand stamped and the other with the "O. B." printed.

The 2p in violet brown has been printed on both old and new watermark paper, but as there is still a good supply of the black stamps on hand, it will be some time yet before the new color will be placed on file. A single sheet in the new color, on paper with single-lined watermark, has been let out by favor and has been distributed through stamp dealers in this country. When further copies will be obtainable is a matter of conjecture. It may be a year or two longer before they are placed on sale, unless more are issued "by favor."

ST. THOMAS AND PRINCE ISLANDS.—The King Manuel set for St. Thomas and Prince have been issued with the "Republica" surcharge, the design being the same as for Angola, Cape Verde and Mozambique, except slight differences in the shape and arrangement of the figures of value.

Adhesives.

2½r lilac.
5r black.
10r olive green.
20r carmine.
25r brown violet.
50r dark blue.
75r bistre brown.
100r brown on green.
200r green on salmon.
300r black on blue.

SPAIN.—J. T. Perdorno reports having seen the 25c value of the 1900 set, perforated "MERITO." The perforation is in capitals 5mm high, the whole word being 21mm long. The "E" is accented. Mr. Perdorno is unable to give the purpose of the perforation, though he has been told that the stamps thus perforated were issued after the late war in Melilla, Morocco. Can any of our readers throw any light on the subject?

TURKEY.—The appearance of the new stamps announced some time since has been postponed until July 23, the anniversary of the Ottoman constitution.

URUGUAY.—It is reported that Uruguay is preparing to observe the 86th anniversary of the independence of the Republic by surcharging its stamps with appropriate inscriptions.

VENEZUELA.—The *Philatelic Gazette* reports having seen the 50c value of 1911 set, with centre in a changed color. No definite information is yet at hand as to whether this is an error, or the beginning of a bicolored set.

Adhesive.

50c violet and blue.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.—The 6d value with changed watermark follows hard after the 8d chronicled last week. Whitfield King & Co. have shown us this value on paper watermarked Crown A.

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THE U. S. GOVERNMENT COLLECTION.

By J. M. Bartels.

The nucleus of the Museum of the Post Office Department was derived from various exhibits which had been especially prepared for the Chicago Columbian Exposition in 1893. These consisted of different items of interest in connection with the postal service, curious objects which had been passed through the Dead Letter Office, numerous sheets of cardboard proofs, but no postage stamps. A special room was assigned to this exhibit in the old Post Office Dept. building on E street, between Seventh and Eighth streets. Mr. Stanley I. Slack was placed in charge as curator and to him is due great credit for the pretentious museum which now fills a room and practically the entire corridor on the third floor of the main post office building at the national capitol. A continuous stream of visitors has been daily attracted to this exhibit and it is only natural that frequent inquiry would be made in regard to the government's stamp collection. Time and again the information would be imparted that the Department had no stamp collection but full sheets of proofs of some of the stamps could be seen. The astonishment of many visitors at the fact that the Post Office Department of this great government did not have even a set of its own stamps can better be imagined than described.

Curator Slack finally made up his mind that something had to be done. A beginning was made by securing from the Third Assistant Postmaster General specimens of all stamps of the United States then current, and from the Superintendent of Foreign Mails, Mr. Brooks, a set of all foreign stamps which had been received from the central bureau of the International Postal Union at Berne. The foreign stamps were beautifully mounted, without regard to philatelic requirements or rotation on large sheets of cardboard and skilfully embellished by brush and pen phantastically wielded by an artist who was then in the service of the department. More prominence was given to elephants on the Siam sheet and palm trees with Samoa than to the scattering postage stamps which could be found somewhere in the jungle. As new issues appeared more room would be required and the mistaken idea of the original plan of mounting was soon apparent.

In 1900 the late H. G. Mandel mounted for the P. O. Department exhibit at Paris five frames of United States stamps and loaned a portion of his own collection which was also exhibited the following year at the Buffalo Exposition. Soon after the foreign portion of the exhibit was remounted by the assistance of the writer along strictly philatelic lines.

Prior to the Louisiana Purchase at St. Louis in 1904 an expenditure of about $5,000 for United States Confederates, Philippines, Hawaii, Cuba and Porto Rico stamps was made from various sources out of the appropriation of $50,000 made by Congress for the Post Office Department exhibit. This fund enabled the acquisition of many valuable stamps which, when added to the collection gave the department a creditable exhibit. When shown at St. Louis in glass cases this collection proved one of the principal attractions.

United States.

Only unused specimens were accepted in the United States collection. The departmental issues and newspaper stamps are quite complete. Beginning with 1847 we find the 5 and 10c, then of 1851 all up to the 24c. The 1861 contains the 3c scarlet and 3c pink, as well as several of the "August" issue. The grills of 1867 are well represented, but lack the very rare ones. The 1869 issue lacks only the inverts. The 1870 grilled is complete except the 24c. The various "Special Printings" are mostly lacking. After that date all issues are complete except the 2c inverted Pan American. The 4c without "Specimen" is one of the best stamps in the collection. A block of four of all values of the current issue on bluish experimental paper is attracting much attention just now.

Hawaii.—The missionary issue is, of course absent, but one each of all "numerals," and subsequent issues make a fine showing.

Philippines.—A nice collection of the old Spanish issues, lacking only several of the rarest surcharges. The United States issues contain all the special surcharges and special printings made in 1904, but they are shown as regular stamps.

Cuba.—The old Spanish issues are complete and there is a good showing in Puerto Principe surcharges.

Porto Rico.—All issues complete, including the Coamo provisional.

Confederate States.—The regular issues are complete. The locals include only a few of the cheaper ones.

Back in the eighties the late F. Trifet, of Boston, was called on to mount a collection of United States and foreign stamps for the "Records" of the stamp division. Lately this album was turned over to the curator of the museum and he has now merged it into the regular collection, thereby greatly increasing its interest and value. Many noted rarities were thus secured, among which the following are worthy of mention:

Bergedorf—½s violet, 3s rose.

Saxony—3pf red, unused.

Schleswig Holstein—Nos. 1 and 2.

Switzerland—Basle unused, Zurich 4r (vertical lines), 6r (horiz. lines).

Spain—1850 to 1853 (Scott 1 to 30) unused. All rare 2 reales and the Madrid issue are extremely fine.

Cape of Good Hope—The 1p and 4p "wood blocks."

Mauritius.—1848 1p (2 copies), 2p.

Ceylon—1857 imperf. 10p, 1sh 9p, both fine unused; perf. wmk. star 8p, 9p, 2sh, all unused.

Canada—6pf imperf. unused.

The Arrangement.

The arrangement of the stamp collection is modeled after the government collections in Germany and England, combining the best features in the imperial Postal Museum at Berlin and the Tapling Collection in the British Museum. Both of these were especially visited by the writer while in Europe in 1905, measurements and samples of mats for mounting were secured and taken to Washington. Out of the appropriation for the Jamestown Exposition in 1907 a valuable large upright case was made and this now holds the entire stamp collection. Vertical sliding frames each divided into several sections contain the stamps nicely mounted in catalogue order. At the top is the number corresponding with a printed list of countries in a frame close at hand, enabling any visitor to pull out the slide containing such countries as he may wish to inspect. It is thus demonstrated that the stamps are not exposed to the light and therefore cannot fade, a very important thing to consider in a stamp exhibit. The individual cards are so arranged that they can be readily removed or changed as occasions may require.

There is but one improvement which we would like to suggest to Mr. Slack in case any rearranging is ever done. Try to have each set of stamps on a line or two by themselves, put the date above each issue and space them so that it can be readily seen where a new issue commences. If there are only three or four stamps in a set, give them a line to themselves, leaving a little space at the sides. If the set contains a larger number of stamps let the line be longer or make two lines of them. In order to secure accuracy in spacing let the sheets have an inconspicuous back ground of small squares printed in very pale blue or gray, with a mark to designate the horizontal and vertical center lines. This will be a wonderful help in laying out symmetrical pages and spacing the stamps accurately. No visiting collector should fail to inspect the stamps in the Museum of the Post Office Department. —*Philatelic Gazette.*

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THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS LOCAL STAMPS OF 1898-99.

A correspondent sends me a drawing of one of the stamps issued by the Filipino revolutionaries under Aguinaldo in 1898-99 and asks for information regarding it. Many other of my readers probably have some of these stamps and have been puzzled as to their meaning and status though they have long been included among the issues listed in Scott's "Local" catalogue. It has been asserted that these locals were entirely speculative but such does not seem to have been the case judging from the published evidence. For postal and registration purposes there were only three values and even with types these only provide six varieties while for telegraph and fiscal purposes there were only four additional stamps. In the *American Journal of Philately* for January, 1904 there is a very full and interesting account of these labels from the pen of Mr. C. A. Howes and to this excellent article I am indebted for most of the following information.

At the time the Spanish war broke out Aguinaldo was at Singapore having been "persuaded" to leave the country by the Spaniards some years previously. He was brought from Hong Kong to Manila by a United States vessel with the intention of employing him and his followers against the Spanish. He had other plans, however, for he had long dreamed of an independent Filipino nation with himself at the head of affairs. Soon after landing at Cavite on May 16th, 1898, he, therefore, issued a proclamation proposing to set up a temporary dictatorial government to continue until such time as a regular constitutional government could be organized. The Americans had full knowledge of what was going on but made no objections for at that time they only occupied the naval station established at Cavite. Meanwhile the Spanish were practically invested in Manila, the Americans lying before it and the Filipinos encircling it and having control of the rest of the island. As the headquarters of the revolutionaries was rather too near to be pleasant at Cavite the Americans requested Aguinaldo to remove and on the first of August he removed his headquarters to Bacoor on the shores of the bay some distance nearer Manila. On the same date the declaration of independence of the Philippine nation was issued and thirteen days later Manila capitulated to the United States, who occupied it but refused entrance to the Filipinos. Naturally this caused considerable friction and owing to increasing differences between the American and Filipino forces the latter removed their seat of government to Malolos, north of Manila, in the early part of September. Here the first Philippine congress met on the fifteenth day of the same month and Malolos remained the native capital until its surrender to the American forces on March 31st, 1899.

This short historical sketch shows that, under Aguinaldo's leadership, the Filipinos had for a space of ten months a government equally independent of both Spanish and American influences. This government was acknowledged throughout the islands except at Manila and the sea-ports still in Spanish hands. Civil government was established, an army was organized, a few taxes were levied, the telegraph lines destroyed during the troubles of 1896-7 were rebuilt, and a postal system was established. It will thus be seen that a real government was in operation—a government which might have continued to conduct the affairs of the country had not Uncle Sam had different ideas on the subject. The issuing of stamps in connection with the postal system was, therefore, a perfectly legitimate step to take and though they are locals they have a certain amount of philatelic interest as well as being historic mementoes of the war of 1898-99.

For postage proper there was a 2c value and this exists in three types. One of these is inscribed "Correos y Telegrafos" at top and was evidently available for telegraphic as well as postal uses. The others were inscribed "Correos" only, one having the value "2 cents." on a plain and the other on a lined ground. The central design of all three shows a triangle containing a rayed sun with stars in each of the angles. This rests on a lined circle on which the value is shown beneath the triangle while at each side a "K" is shown. For newspaper postage a 1 milesima stamp was issued this being inscribed "Impresos" at top. The design shows a rayed sun in a circle enclosed by a circular band inscribed "Gobm. Revolucionario Filipinas" (*i. e.* Revolutionary Government of the Philippines) while above, in the centre, and in each of the two lower corners is a "K" and the upper spandrels contain the dates "1898" and "1899." The registered stamp is inscribed "Certificado" at the top and is like the newspaper label on an enlarged scale but with a star in place of a sun in the centre. The facial value of this was 8 centavos. It will be noted that in each of the designs the letter "K" is repeated three times and these are so arranged as to occupy the angles of an imaginary triangle. The meaning of these mysterious letters is clearly explained by Mr. Howes in the following words:—

"Some twenty-five years ago the Filipinos in Spain affiliated themselves with the Spanish Masons, and later established a number of Masonic branches in the Philippines with the idea of working for reform in the administration of the islands. Taking their cue from this, when it was found that the effort was useless, certain Filipinos under the leadership of one Marcelo H. del Pilar formed a secret society, a sort of Philippine political masonry, whose avowed purpose was the liberation of the Tagalogs and expulsion or destruction of the Spanish. This 'bastard offspring of Philippine Free-masonry,' as it has been called, was named the *Kataas taasang Kalagayan Katipunan Nang Manga Anac Nang Bayan,* or 'Sovereign Worshipful Association of the Sons of the Country.' The first three words give the clue to the three K's on the stamps."

UNITED STATES 1c OF 1890-98.

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transfer-rolls. At first the dots were placed fairly close to the design. Thus on plate 101 the dot is 2½ mm. distant, on plates 24, 99, 122, etc., it is 2¾ mm. away, on plates 24, 98, etc., the space measures 3 mm., while on plates 31, 33, 35, it is 3½ mm., and so on. On plate 100 I find the dot is 5½ mm. distant from the design, while on plates 1147 and 1148 it is exactly 5 mm. away from the side of the design and so always shows on the stamps on the uncolored frame around the portrait medallion. By means of these dots therefore we can identify the stamps printed from these plates and a careful study would probably make it possible to say that certain other stamps were printed from some particular plate or other.

PLATE DOTS.

We now come to the marks made in the plates before any impressions were rolled in. These are, of course, also guide dots, for their purpose is to act as guides in arranging the 400 impressions that go to each plate but to prevent comparison with the transfer-roll dots it will be as well to term these plate-dots. The first lot of dots were marked on the plates between the ends of the two central ones of stamps, but vertically and horizontally in each pair of 100.

Curiously enough they are not level with the edges of the stamps but vary in position from 1 mm. to 2 mm. from the end of the design. They, therefore, appear *between* the stamps and out on the margin. From plate 98 (and possibly earlier) dots were marked to show the space to be occupied by each horizontal row of stamps. Sometimes these are entirely covered but in other cases they show quite plainly at the center of the outside frame of the stamps in the extreme right and left-hand and vertical rows. On some plates I notice these side dots are double then, and whether they were so marked by accident or design I cannot say.

OTHER VARIETIES.

We have lines to shade, which are in themselves an interesting study in connection with this 1c stamp. The productions of the American Bank Note Co., vary from a pale ultramarine to a deep dull blue. But the blue stamps of the 1894-95 issue defy description in cold print. They exist in a wonderful array of shades and provide several rich tints that are a delight to the eye of any color enthusiast. It will be found that impressions from the same plates furnish quite a diversity of shades ranging in some cases from a bright ultramarine to the darkest of dark blues. The green stamps also vary considerably the two early ones being represented by a very pale yellow-green and a handsome dark green.

The only really expensive variety is the 1890 issue imperforate. I have seen several used copies of this. The 1c of 1895, unwatermarked paper, may also be found imperforate and though some authorities class this as only a finished proof it is an interesting variety and one that cannot be ignored by the specialist.

Of proofs proper, I only know of the 1890 variety on card board, and a die proof of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing's production in deep blue, but probably many others exist.

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AUTHOR'S FOREWORD.

In accepting the commission of the publishers of MEKEEL'S WEEKLY STAMP NEWS to prepare a series of articles upon Specialized Collecting of United States Postage Stamps, I feel that it is a stupendous task. Were it not for the fact that each year there are hundreds of newcomers born into the world of philately, who must needs have assistance to keep alive their interest, to instruct and to entertain them, I would feel that the undertaking would be love's labor lost. It is to the army of beginners, and the fairly well advanced collectors, I would write. The far advanced, studious, serious collectors who have for years specialized in the stamps of the United States, I fear, will find little which will be new to them in the progress of this series of talks on the many collectible minor varieties of the exceedingly interesting stamps of our own country.

As a field for serious study of stamps there is nòne more fertile and interesting than the postal issues of the United States from 1847 to date. When one has gathered all of the stamps described and priced in the Standard catalogues one has only made a good beginning. There still remains hundreds of "stickers" each showing some material difference from all others to be added to the albums.

The two stamps of 1847—5 and 10 cents—amaze one by their possibilities for study by the specialist. The stamps which follow—the imperforate issues of 1851 and their fellow stamps, perforated prints of the same plates—make up a world which only a few have fully explored.

And as the specialist proceeds further he finds that his catalog and the few handbooks upon the subject which he possesses, only lead him to the edge of an almost limitless garden of beautiful, interesting variety. The acquisition of one uncatalogued variety of stamp leads the explorer deeper into a land of stamps which he has never even dreamed existed. And I venture the assertion that few of my readers will ever see the day when they can say that their collection of United States adhesives is complete in all their possible varieties and combinations.

So much for the pleasure of specializing, and the field that is open. As an investment a specialized United States collection will possess worth, if forced upon the market, that the same amount of time and money expended upon a general collection could not begin to meet.

Fortunately the greatest number of legitimately collectible minor varieties of these stamps exist among the cheaper kinds. A very few dollars invested in the stamps which catalog from a penny each up to a dime will produce a considerable number of stamps which may be profitably added to any collection. As the collector progresses in his studies of the collectible varieties he will find that many of the desired stamps will be found upon approval sheets and books in the exchange circuits.

Quite naturally the student of varieties will gather duplicates which will be used as mediums of exchange with other collectors, so that the collection is being constantly added to. By means of correspondence much will be learned regarding different minor varieties. In fact an earnest, studious collector will soon find himself wondering that he has found so much to learn about the stamps he is becoming a specialist in.

It is not my intention to go deeply into the history of the different issues, nor to describe the catalogued varieties. The catalogs and several excellent books upon the subject will do that. If it becomes necessary to take up any considerable space in explaining the distinguishable features of some type of stamp already noticed in this way, it will be for the purpose of drawing comparisons between it and the varieties.

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When sheets are made up for specialists, or want lists are filled, I would classify the prices as follows: Mint or fine—full catalog. Unused or good—three-quarters catalog. Uncancelled or fair—one-half catalog. Poor—not more than one-fourth.

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There are exceptions, of course, to this rule. Circumstances may have made single stamps quite common, but pairs, strips and blocks of four almost unattainable. These cases, whenever known, will be mentioned in their proper place.

As to the collection of different cancellations, a specialist must suit himself. I can see much reason for collecting "Paid," "Carrier," "Railway," "Steamboat," "Express" and year dated cancellations. But I do not see the necessity of gathering each stamp with a black, a red, a green, and a pen cancellation, because this only represents the different inks used by the postmasters.

However, there must be some demand for different colored cancellations, else the specialized books would not price a stamp at four cents cancelled in black and $1.00 in green.

The year-dated cancellations (showing plainly the year used) are rarities in the earlier issues.

Shades will probably be the hardest part of the study in specializing. Several shades will be mentioned which many believe they possess, but few are really known. Stamps with shades difficult to understand, should be submitted to an expert for examination and opinion before being placed.

The first chapter in this interesting subject will, naturally, be the varieties of the issue of 1847. This is a fascinating issue and worth spending much time upon.

Issue of 1847.

Denominations—5 cents; 10 cents.
Authorized by Congress—March 3, 1847.
Printers—Rawdon, Wright, Hatch & Edson, N. Y.
Date of issue—July 1, 1847.
First stamp placed on sale (probably) August 5, 1847.
Withdrawn from use—June 30, 1851.
Distribution—3,712,000 pieces 5 cents; 891,000 pieces 10 cents.
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For sentimental reasons, if for no other, the issue of 1847 is very dear to every collector of United States postage stamps. Representing as it does the first issue of stamps authorized by this country it is held in high esteem. Probably no stamps are more eagerly sought for by the beginner. They are first in his album, first of the really attainable ones priced in the catalog, and, like Washington whose portrait adorns the 10 cent denomination, are first in the hearts of his (philatelic) countrymen.

Proud is the heart of the new collector when he secures the 10 cent black of 1847 for he has then completed the set. If he is earnest, studious, and can accumulate the necessary funds for its purchase this is the first issue of the United States to be finished.

After the stamp collector has been looking a little deeper into the stamps of this country he finds that in his possession of the 5 and 10 cent stamps he has only made a beginning. As he becomes a specialist his accumulation of Forty-Sevens will grow. Finally, if he goes that far, this issue becomes one of the most pretentious of all his cherished stamps, covering as it will, several pages in the place of honor in his blank album.

The catalogs list the 5 cent in red brown, dark brown and orange; the 10 cent in one variety, and two bisections. There are also two "reprints" catalogued. The color of paper is stated as "bluish."

Of the minor die varieties there is little field for study for the specialist. The 5 cent stamp will be found in the clear early printings and a rather smudgy worn plate appearance. It has been stated that the 5 cent occurs in a "shifted die" variety, but the author has never been fortunate enough to see a copy.

There are five distinct shades, five varieties or colors of cancellation, and attributes in the 5 cent to make up a very pretentious collection in itself. There are also intermediate shades to be found which, if the specialist cares to go that far, makes up a rather formidable combination. I would list the collectible shades as follows:

Shades.—Light Brown, Orange Red, Red Brown, Brown, Seal (or dark) Brown.

There are two collectible varieties of paper, and possibly three. The common, or normal, paper is thin bluish. It also is found on vertical laid paper with lines very close together. The later variety is rare. This stamp is occasionally found on white paper. I have seen it used in that variety. But authorities claim that the stamp was never issued in other than bluish paper, and it may be that some chemical action has discharged the blue from the paper of those shown, leaving the paper white. I have a copy of this stamp on yellowish paper which no solvent has been able to change. But it may be due to the action of the gum, or of time.

This stamp oxidizes with age, and all copies should be well cleaned with peroxide of hydrogen before being arranged as to shades.

Specialists are paying considerable attention to the matter of cancellations. In the early days of its issue the pen mark was the most common form of cancelling the stamps, and in this form is the most common. Then comes red, blue, black and green cancellations, their commonness being in the order named.

Pairs are not scarce, horizontal pairs being frequently found. Vertical pairs are rather uncommon, and should bring a slightly higher premium than the horizontal variety. Strips of three have been seen, but are rare. Blocks of four are found in but few collections, and few dealers have them in stock. They readily find sale at a good advance. The so-called "Reprint" is not such at all. It would be better called a government imitation. It never was available for postage. The imitation can be told from the genuine stamp by comparing the cravat—the original terminating in a distinct angle to left of the chin. The imitations made in 1875 for exhibition at the Philadelphia Centennial, are on paper with a bluish tinge. They are to be had also in India paper and card-board proofs.

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This denomination has a "shifted die" a line showing plainly through the inscription. The same remarks about the imitations above apply to this stamp. The same is true of cancellations—pen cancelled stamps being the most common.

The bisected, or half used as five cents, is occasionally to be had. No such stamp should be purchased unless on original cover, and a post-office cancellation covers a part of stamp where cut and the envelope as well. Pairs are not common, and are worth a good premium over two single stamps.

The following check-list for a specialist is suggested:

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Brown
Seal Brown
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Horizontal Pair
Vertical Pair
Close Line Laid Paper
White Paper
Pen Marked
Red Cancellation
Blue Cancellation
Black Cancellation
Green Cancellation
On Original Cover
Die Proof
Government Imitation
Proof on India Paper
Proof on Card Board

10 CENTS.

Unused
Gray Black
Greenish Black
Deep Black
Close Line Laid Paper
White Paper
Pen Marked
Red Cancellation
Blue Cancellation
Black Cancellation
Green Cancellation
Pair
Shifted Die
On Cover
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Milan, June 12.—An ingenious, if reprehensible, scheme to obtain stamps of rare value has been divulged by one of the delegates at the Milan Congress of philatelists, who admits that his collection contains two of the kind in question.

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MR. BARTELS ON THE NEW SCOTT'S.

(J. M. Bartels is so great a student of U. S. stamps that we reprint his review of the 1912 Scott's catalog as found in the last *Philatelic Gazette*. Specialists in U. S. stamps will find this magazine of special interest.—Ed.)

This year it took six months longer than usual to issue the new edition of the American Standard Catalogue, consequently many collectors have felt their patience sorely tried, some even believing that an injustice was being done them and that their rights had been ignored. At last we have the completed work before us and Mr. John N. Luff, who has done the revising well merits the gratitude of American collectors for the distinct improvements in the present edition. He has worked unceasingly for over a year to bring the Scott catalogue up to the standard of modern requirements which indeed has been a herculean task. For the past six years outside of prices and the adding of new issues, very few changes had been made and practically no rewriting done. Many countries had been so neglected that dealers and auctioneers had frequently found it necessary to use Gibbons, Kohl or some other catalogue when marking or listing stamps for sale as the Scott catalogue was either inadequate or antiquated in regard to prices. This was particularly the case with many British Colonies and most Central and South American countries. Dealers were doing a profitable business buying certain popular lines at small discounts off Scott and selling at a good margin in the European market. This was especially the case with old German stamps which are now advanced heavily.

The principal improvements consist in the adding of numerous varieties, such as inverted and double surcharges and including the most important shades for which there is an ever increasing demand among specialists. In most cases the general collector will continue to content himself with filling the spaces provided in a printed album or collecting the main numbers in the catalogues. The specialist, however, must try to complete the varieties listed under minor headings in the catalogues; some far from being satisfied to stop there, even go much further by including oddities, additional shades and blocks. In Europe we find many collectors who abide by the printed album but make practically two collections, one unused and one used.

A number of countries such as Nicaragua, Mexico and Persia have been largely rewritten and greatly improved. Mexico which has been dormant for many years has bounded into favor again, and most of the early issues have jumped up. The first two issues are published with comparative prices:

	1911.		1912.	
	Unused.	Used.	Unused.	Used
1856 ISSUE.				
½ blue	.75	.15	2.00	.50
1 yellow	.85	.10	2.00	.30
2 y. green	.75	.08	2.00	.20
4 red	2.00	.85	4.00	2.00
8 violet	6.50	4.00	10.00	9.00
1861 ISSUE.				
½ buff	.75	.60	3.00	2.00
1 green	1.00	.08	2.50	.25
2 gr. green	1.50	.08	1.50	.10
4 yellow	1.25	1.25	6.00	2.00
8 r. brown	4.00	2.50	10 00	6.00
4 red on y.	3.00	1.50	10.00	2.50
8 gr. on r. br.	6.00	3.00	12.50	7.50

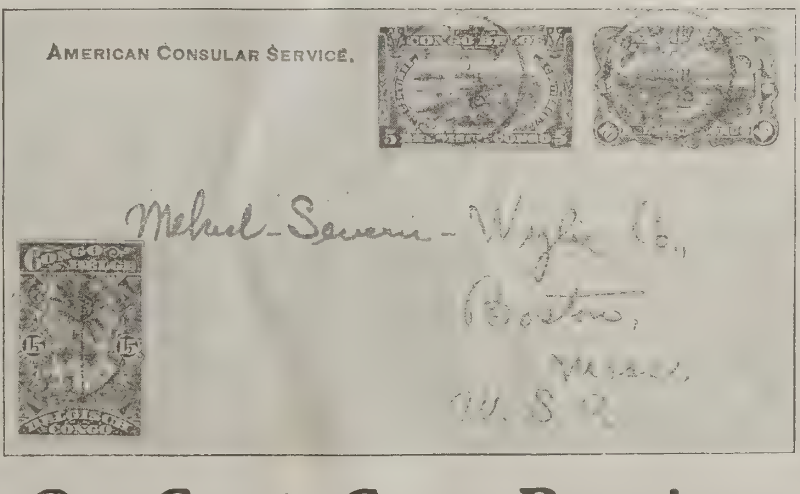
The notes referring to reprints and special information have been much improved and former misleading statements and errors corrected. This constitutes no small part of Mr. Luff's best work. Indeed, no man is better qualified for this task as he owns what today is probably the largest collection of reprints and reference material. A feature of the Scott catalogue is the listing of all stamps which are known partly perforated or imperforate. Many of these were probably never actually issued and owe their existence either to accident or design. For instance when government remainders are sold such as the "Seebeck" issues, Hayti, Dominican Republic, a sheet may be found perforated one way only or with one row of perforations omitted. Another laudable improvement is an endeavor to correct the frequently inaccurate name of a color or shade; but still more uniformity along these lines is desirable.

As on several occasions *The Gazette* had considerable to say regarding the U. S. section and make a few suggestions, which may be considered in the next edition, it is unnecessary to take up this point again. The 1851 10c, type II, listed for the first time will undoubtedly be omitted in future. The 2c green Navy "error" is now considered a proof by the best authorities and never should have been in the catalogue. The wisdom of omitting it, now that it has become so valuable and many have paid good money for their copies, may be questioned by many. We do think, however, that in future no space should be provided for this interloper in the albums published by the same firm.

The Postage Due 30c and 50c yellow brown are still retained. In our opinion they should be omitted as the copies supposed to represent this shade are different from the other values in the set and more properly belong to the "brown" series from which they would be difficult to separate.

It must be pleasing to cut square collectors to note the elaboration of that section of the U. S. Issues. The 1907-10 series has been awarded some fifty extra numbers, and all the main dies of the 1c, 2c, 4c and 5c of the current issues are duly noted. The awakened interest in this former popular line of collecting has necessitated the present fine list of cut squares in the Standard Catalogue. Those just starting to collect cut squares can easily determine the various varieties by the brief but intelligent description of the dies.

We learn that for the purpose of preventing further delay in the issue of the catalogue the revision was carried through only as far as Salvador. Countries following it have received only changes in prices and the addition of new issues. Doubtless the next edition will complete the work of thorough revision of the catalogue and when this is accomplished the value of the Scott catalogue as an aid to the collector will be greatly enhanced.



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EDITORIAL.

San Francisco's Stamps—Several suggestions have been received from readers for designs of the forthcoming Panama-Pacific stamps that embody sufficient merit to warrant that they be tendered to the authorities at Washington; and we have so advised the persons who submitted them. The ideas were based, no doubt, upon the remarks on the issue that appeared in this column in the paper dated June 15th, in the course of which it was mentioned casually that "the discovery of gold at Sutter's in 1848 be included in the ideas that receive consideration." In support of this subject, it is to be said that Sutter's Mill-Race as pictured presents a scheme marked by a natural nobility that is not without originality. The mill-race itself, a few Indians and several whites, and two gigantic trees in the foreground, backed by two bold promontories and a few buildings, etc., characteristic of the period, are details on a broad scale that would allow of the necessary compression in design. We may repeat that the department is taking no perfunctory interest in the set of stamps but is keenly intent upon producing a series that will justify itself on the score of artistic and impressive treatment.

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Pioneer Days—A history of the Pony Express, reprinted from the old *Philatelic Californian*, 1897, has been started by the *Philatelic Gazette* and as the story of the fascinating enterprise is retold its interest does not wane. The tendency of the historians of the Pony Express, as philatelists, not unnaturally is to begin their tale almost with the year that the express was established but they should sketch the earlier times, beginning with 1849, when the overland route became well known. In that year, a family carrying with it only such articles and utensils as were necessary, could travel from the Missouri frontier to the Sacramento valley in four and one-half months. The season for travel was at its best in early May, when it was advisable to leave Missouri so that arrival in California would be late in the month of September. The favorite mode of travel was by mules and light but durable wagons, the grass and water *en route* sustaining the animals; and it was customary to start at sunrise and rest during the middle hours of the day and complete the day's march in the afternoon.

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Department Data—A contemporary quite properly says that the Bureau of Engraving and Printing has "saved the Post Office Department hundreds of thousands of dollars in the making of stamps. They now cost 5 cents per 1,000 where they formerly cost as high as 18 cents per 1,000." Quite coincidentally, a reader has sent a reproduction of the following notice from which it will be seen that the 1869 set was contracted for at the rate of twenty-five cents a thousand; the National Bank Note Company had the patent rights of the grill it may be added. "June 10th, 1868. A new contract with the National Bank Note, made by Postmaster-General Randall at 25½ cents per thousand." From the same source, the following excerpt from the report of Postmaster-General Cresswell, has come: Annual report, 1870: "The adhesive stamps (postage) adopted by my predecessor having failed to give satisfaction to the public on account of their small size, their unshapely form, the inappropriation of their designs, the difficulty of canceling them effectually and the inferior quality of gum. . . ." This notice was dated March 5th, 1869, and consequently was prepared by Postmaster-General J. A. J. Cresswell almost as soon as the 1869 issue of stamps had been well distributed.

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An Answer—There have been several answers to the questions regarding the steps of business succession of the different bank note companies that were concerned in the manufacture of the earlier United States stamps; and one informant traces the change in the company that printed the 1851 issue of stamps as follows: Toppan, Carpenter, Casilear and Company; Toppan, Butler and Carpenter; Philadelphia Bank Note Company and a change subsequently.

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Excellent—A subscriber writes: "I was pleased to note that some one was preparing an article on Postmaster-Generals and their terms of office. Years ago, when laying out plans for loose leaf album of United States, I made the album as and for a historical postal reference for my pleasure. Enclosed is the plan I worked upon, crude, perhaps but enjoyable; and I wait the article in question." The plan of this collector is an effective one and the sample sheet that he enclosed has supplied us with some information of which use has been made. Mr. Goodwin's series on United States issues will be found of added interest by those who attend to the "writing up" of their collections, a practice that should be promoted.

OLYMPIA (WASH.) STAMP CLUB.

(Arthur K. Roberts, 1904 Washington St., Olympia, Wn., president of the club, sends us the following clipping from a local paper with the request that interested parties living in or near Olympia should communicate with him.—ED.)

Something new in the line of novel organizations has been brought to the surface in Olympia, by the announcement that the organization of the Olympia Philatelic club has been perfected. The club has for its object the collection of all kinds of postage stamps, from every civilized country, both from the pecuniary as well as historic or chimerical consideration.

The Olympia club has for its officers the following: President, Arthur K. Roberts; vice president, Lincoln Lounsbury; directress of programs, Mrs. E. C. Story and secretary and treasurer, Sidney Rankine. It is contemplated to give programs at various intervals, for the benefit of the members, at which interesting discussions on the work will be had.

The local organization was perfected with ten charter members and additional members are to be added soon. This is considered a remarkable start in a city of Olympia's size as Seattle has only a slightly larger club, while in Tacoma, although steps toward the perfection of an organization have been taken, they have not yet materialized.—*Morning Olympian.*

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20th CENTURY STAMPS OF FRANCE.

By G. A. Higlett.

The causes which have brought about changes in the designs of the postage stamps of the present French Republic are of more than ordinary interest.

The people of France have been very critical of these designs. The simple but artistic design of the first issue of 1849 was repeated for the issues of the present Republic after the great war. In course of time it became the subject of much adverse criticism. The effigy was ridiculed in the press, it was nicknamed "Marianne," the nickname stuck to it, and that settled the matter. Poor Marianne died of ridicule.

It was replaced by the design known as the Peace and Commerce type. This too had its day, and in turn became the subject of hostile criticism and public complaint. Mythological figures were said to be unfitting emblems of the up-to-date *fin-de-siècle* Republic. Minerva and Mercury were condemned and banished, to make room for the issues of 1900, of three different designs for different values, supposed to be more highly emblematic of the lofty ideals and virtues of the Republic.

The Blanc type, for the lower values, 1c to 5c, displays the winged goddess or figure of Liberty, holding the balanced scales to represent Equality, accompanied by two small unclad figures embracing to represent Fraternity. In passing, one may note that the goddess has apparently six toes to her feet, but presumably the goddess of Liberty is at liberty to have as many toes as she may fancy. The emblem of Fraternity does not appeal strongly to British sentiment, because here brothers are not fond of kissing each other, but they manage these things better in France.

There are a few minor varieties of the Blanc type, the principal ones being, on the 1c, the figure of value having a long serif or hook touching the margin, and on the 5c, a triangular spot on the mirror. Copies are also found with the inscription "Republique Francaise" quite illegible.

The Merson type, for the higher values, 40c to 5fr, shows the same goddess with a sheathed sword and numerous olive branches to represent Peace. There are varieties on some values with the tinted background missing (*sans teinte de fond*), or with this background much out of place.

The Mouchon type, for the intermediate values, 10c to 30c, presents the figure of Liberty wearing the Phrygian cap, and crowned with olive to represent Peace, having a cuirass to represent Armed Defence, ornamented with a small lion's head to typify Courage, bearing in the right hand a sceptre crowned with a Hand of Justice, and supporting with the left hand a tablet inscribed *"droits de l'homme."*

This type gave rise to instant complaint. The Hand of Justice was an emblem of the old kings of France and therefore quite unsuited to a Republic. The poise of the tablet supported by the left hand was held to be an impossible position for such a thing to be held in, and the inscription, "Rights of Man," seemed to ignore the Rights of Woman, or is supposed to do so by those who do not consider that Man embraces Woman, which statement also is ambiguous. The very minute size of the lion's head as the emblem of Courage also suggested that the moral quality it typified might also have to be looked for with a microscope. The whole thing was condemned as unsatisfactory.

In the issue with two printings, varieties may be found with the figures of value quite away from the centre of the value table, and others in which the figures of value differ considerably in shade of colour from the rest of the stamp, etc., so that we find

1. Difference in colour.
2. Out of centre.
3. Double imprint.
4. Figures missing.

An examination of the backs of the stamps shows the following varieties:—

1. Double impression, one at the back (*impression au versa*). This is caused by a sheet not being fed into the machine, in consequence of which the bed-plate receives an impression, and the next sheet being placed thereon gets an imprint on both sides, exactly coinciding with each other.
2. On thin transparent paper, with impression showing through on the back (*impression ressortant au verso*).
3. Impression at back on the gum (*impression au verso sur la gomme*). The stamps were printed in such a great hurry, that the gumming immediately followed the printing. Sheets on which neither the printing nor gum were thoroughly dried being laid upon one another, the lower gummed surface took off an impression from the upper printed surface of the sheet beneath.

Some other minor varieties to be found on particular values are as follows:—

10c. Hook of figure 1 broken off and missing.

15c. Hook of figure 1 long and touching frame.

Lines of background run together making it almost solid.

Top flag of figure 5 very thick.

Spots of colour in centre of figure 5.

25c. Curl of figure 5 making a complete circle.

Accent over E of *POSTES*.

Sower Type 1.

The prevalent dissatisfaction led to a change of design in 1903. A part of the coinage already bore the design of the Sower, by Roty, and this was chosen for the new postage stamps. It is supposed to typify the Republic sowing its ideas or ideals (whichever you like) in the world. It may be consoling to the French to portray themselves as benefitting the whole world of other nations by spreading their own ideals, but it is not exactly complimentary to the other nations. Quite apart from this consideration, the design was open to more serious practical criticism.

It will be seen that a strong wind is blowing the lady's dress in a particular direction, and she is walking against this, sowing against the wind, which is believed to be not the usual method of practical husbandry, even if it holds good on the moral plane. But far more strange than this is the fact that a strong light is falling upon the lady from the front, casting dark shadow behind, while the sun is also behind her, and this is not in accordance with the working of natural law in this country, although, of course, as stated before, they may manage these things better in France.

The preparation of this type was hurried by the Government with all possible speed. Sheets were printed in the morning, gummed in the afternoon, and perforated the next day. This great haste was not compatible with good work.

In this first type of the Sower, the figure appears on a lined background, with the sun rising above the line of the horizon.

The stamps were issued from April to June 1903. The plate numbers are 3, 4, 5 and 6. The printings are in various shades of rose.

The haste with which these were prepared led to numerous minute varieties. Taking the 10c only as an example, there are to be found numerous spots or faults arising from defective printing, such as:—

A blotch on the sun, producing the semblance of an eclipse (*Sémeuse à l'éclipse*).

The appearance of a small flag in the hand (*Sémeuse avec drapeau*).

A series of faults producing the appearance of a broken seed bag with the seed escaping (*Sémeuse au sac percé*).

A ball or bullet (*Sémeuse au boulet*).

There are also numerous apparent errors of lettering, letters joined together, engraver's name omitted, etc.

There were very many spoiled or faulty sheets (*fautées*), known here as printers' waste, which should in the ordinary course be cancelled and sent to the Bank of France to be burnt, but a great many of these waste sheets have escaped destruction and found their way out into the philatelic market.

There are also to be found the three varieties mentioned in the case of the previous issue, *impression au verso, impression au verso sur la gomme*, and *impression ressortant au verso*. The copies seen are generally unused, and probably came from the defective sheets.

Sower Type 2.

Steps were taken to remedy the defects appearing in the design, and a new type was produced from the same die with all the lines of the background eliminated. In order that the Sower might appear to be standing on terra firma, something like an inverted soup plate was engraved at the bottom, all the rest of the background being in solid colour. This type is known as the *Semeuse avec terrasse* or *avec sol.*

It was made a trifle smaller than the first type, to allow better perforation.

It was issued in April, 1906, and 30 million stamps were printed.

Immediately it was issued, steps were taken to improve it. The very next day after the issue, there was discussed the question of the suppression of the small part of the seed bag which projects in front of the left arm, and the elimination of the ground upon which the Sower stands, and this was carried into effect, and a further new type produced, also by an alteration of the original Die.

Sower Type 3.

This type has the same solid background, with no ground under the feet, and the projecting point of the seed bag removed.

Printing commenced on 5th July, 1906, and the stamps were issued on 28th July. The colour is in shades of red, or dull red. The Plate numbers are 6 and 7, and the total issue was 55 million stamps.

Sundry minor varieties are found, as before.

This issue was also considered unsatisfactory, and orders were given for certain retouches to be made at once.

When the issue had lasted for less than two hours, it was withdrawn. Those who had promptly laid in a supply were happy, as it was said that the whole stock was to be burnt, but other ideas finally prevailed, and later on the whole stock was issued.

This type is described in French catalogues as *Sémeuse sans terrasse* or *sans sol.*

Sower Type 4.

The alteration of design, or re-touches, consist of a white line outlining the posterior contour of the figure, with something of the same sort done to the right arm and the seed bag, to make them stand out in bolder relief, and in the meantime a further printing and issue were made of Type 1 with the lined background.

Printing commenced in September, 1906, and the issue in the next month. The printing was continued until February, 1907, and the total production was 500 million stamps.

The lines of the re-touch made by the engraver were so fine that imperfect printing often made them disappear, and so it is possible to get pairs apparently consisiting of Types 3 and 4 together.

On 24th October orders were given for a further re-touch, for the contours of the figure to be better shewn and for the inscriptions to be made more legible.

Sower Type 5.

In this type the outlines are clearer and the inscriptions are in thicker letters.

Printing commenced on 22nd January, 1907, and the issue was first made in the following September. The colour is in shades of red, scarlet, etc.

Besides the variety with impression shewing through on the back, and imperforate stamps, the varieties due to defective printing are as numerous as ever. Some of these are very pronounced, giving us the Sower with candle in right hand, Sower with beer jug in right hand, Sower playing at ball, etc.

This type was also successfully forged to defraud the Post Office, the principal distinguishing feature of the forgery being its perforation by a line machine instead of by the comb machine of the genuine stamps.

It is not usual for one of the commonest stamps of the issue of an important country, while only recently or still in use, to present such an extended field for study as is shown by the 10 centimes value of the Sower type. The penny issues of New Zealand during the past ten years present a great variety arising from varied causes, the place of printing, alteration of design, numerous changes of paper, many different perforations, etc. The French stamps, however, have all been produced at one place, have all the same perforation, there are no official changes of paper, and the design although slightly varied has been produced from one original die, but it will be seen from the foregoing, which is based upon Mr. Maury's well-known hand-book, that we have here an almost infinite variety, presenting a most extensive field for study, with the advantage that most of the varieties can be picked up for a trifling cost, and the very numerous varieties already listed indicate that there are more discoveries yet to be made.—*Phil. Jour. of Great Britain.*

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UNITED STATES.—Clifford E. Bresee reports having found the 2c envelope on blue paper, with the laid lines horizontal instead of diagonal. The envelope has the 1907 watermark.

AUSTRALIA.—Apropos the Kangaroo stamp, proposed for Australia, Scott's Circular says: The late Mr. Æsop or some other story-telling gentleman whom we met in our school days used to describe a mountain in labor that brought forth a mouse. Our Australian friends are probably prepared to vouch for the credibility of this tale, since something of this nature has recently happened in their section of the world, only their product has the appearance of an overgrown rat. After years of promises, discussions, prize contests for designs and other preliminaries to a new issue, the Postmaster-General has taken matters in his own hands and has produced a design for a postage stamp which he terms "simple yet expressive" but which everyone else calls ridiculous. The comments of the public press, which are extensively reprinted in philatelic journals, are unanimously adverse. The reproductions of the design seem to justify their objections. It certainly is a "wonder-beast." The design is absolutely flat, inartistic and devoid of ornament or beauty. It presents the outline of the Australian continent nearly filled by a kangaroo and a few scratches to represent grass. The word "Australia" and the value in word and figures complete a most uninteresting exhibit. The *Melbourne Argus* thinks that it looks like a "label for Killjoy's hopless beer" but that must have been written in a moment of thoughtlessness. We have always understood that a kangaroo was full of hops. It must be admitted that the design has advertising possibilities. It suggests that the kangaroo has just jumped through a paper banner. If trimmed up with a few galloping horses and clowns it would not make a bad circus poster. But as a postage stamp it is enough to cause people to use "language" and we don't blame the Australians for being disgusted with it.

BOLIVIA.—H. Cormack has also shown us the surcharged stamp, 1c on 10c, chronicled in No. 1118.

CHINA.—The philatelic situation in China is so well summed up in Scott's Circular that we copy freely: During the revolution the Post Office Department was, by mutual consent, regarded as neutral and was not molested by the contending parties. When the Manchu dynasty was virtually overthrown and shortly before the abdication was proclaimed the Republican leaders made strong objections to the use of stamps bearing the word "Imperial," and it was decided to overprint them in some manner that would show the changed condition of affairs. This was left to Mr. Piry, Postal Commissioner at Peking, who caused stamps of the 1902-10 issue to be surcharged with four Chinese characters meaning "Provisional Neutrality," literally "temporary middle stand." No one seems to know the exact significance of this surcharge. The characters were in a horizontal line across the middle of the stamp. Some of these stamps were sent to Foochow, capital of the province of Fuhkien, about February 1st of this year and were on sale there either two or three days before they were withdrawn by an official order. The stamps sold there were the 3 cents, 1, 2 and 5 dollars. The first was surcharged in red and the others in black. Postage due stamps of ½, 2, 4, 5, 10, 20 and 30 cents were also surcharged. We lack information as to the colors of the due stamps and the surcharge on them. It is stated that some 4,000 to 5,000 stamps were sold at Foochow.

After the stamps with the "Provisional Neutrality" surcharge were withdrawn Mr. Piry was instructed to obliterate that surcharge and apply a new one reading "Chung Hua Ming Kuo" i. e. Republic of China literally "Middle flowery people's nation." He added the new surcharge in the shape of four characters in a vertical row, two above and two below the old surcharge, but failed to efface the latter. Some of the stamps with this cruciform surcharge were sent to Nanking where they were placed on sale on the morning of March 22nd, only to be withdrawn in less than two hours on receipt of telegraphic instructions from Peking. The stamps sold were the 1, 3 and 16 cents, with red surcharge, and the 1, 2 and 5 dollars, with black surcharge. In all 1764 stamps of all denominations were sold, of which 1379 were purchased by one man.

Following these two attempts a third surcharge was made, consisting of the four characters for Chinese Republic, as in the issue last described, but forming an unbroken vertical line. The stamps with this surcharge was placed on sale on March 24th. The first printing of this surcharge was in blue but that color was not found satisfactory and subsequent printings were in red or black according to the color of the stamp. Most, if not all, of the stamps with the blue surcharge were sent to Hankow and were quickly sold. We have no information of the quantities but the denominations of the stamps were ½, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 16, 20 and 30c. As has been previously stated, the Republic of China surcharge, in red or black, was applied to fifteen values of postage stamps and the full set of postage due stamps, some printed in blue and others in brown.

Stuart T. Danforth has been informed that the new stamps of the Republic will not be issued until the surcharged Imperial stamps have been exhausted.

HONDURAS.—The *Schweizer Briefmarken Zeitung* reports the issue of the 1c value of the new permanent set, dated "1912."

Adhesive.

1c vermilion.

ITALY.—*Tripoli,—Champion's Bulletin* gives the following as the quantities surcharged "Tripoli—di Barberia" on the stamps of Italy, and issued in 1910: 1c, 200,000; 2c, 200,000; 5c, 400,000; 10c, 300,000; 15c, 300,000; 25c, 300,000; 40c, 300,000; 50c, 20,000; 1l, 10,000; 5l, 3200; 25c express, 20,000; 30c express, 20,000.

NETHERLANDS.—The *Schweizer Briefmarken Zeitung* chronicles eight more values of the new postage due set in single color.

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1½c ultramarine.
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4c ultramarine.
7½c ultramarine.
10c ultramarine.
12½c ultramarine.
15c ultramarine.

NEW HEBRIDES.—*Champion's Bulletin* says that the last printing of the French Condominium stamps was done in London, though on paper watermarked "R F." Some of the stamps have no watermark, and others only fragments of the two letters. In order to get the full watermark it is necessary to get a block of 48 stamps.

PERSIA.—Our foreign contemporaries note the fact that four of the current stamps, 2c, 3c, 6c and 13c, have been surcharged "Relais" and Persian characters, for use on the line from Rescht to Teheran, by the little relay posts, which are not post-offices.

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Under this heading we desire to publish al' the news from the various philatelic centers. Correspondents' names will be given unless prohibited as we desire to give full credit for services rendered.

—"I recently discovered something that is worth knowing to collectors. I had a packet of 1000 hinges and the weather was wet and they stuck together, notwithstanding they were placed in an envelope in a tight box. I thought I should have to throw them away, but an idea struck me. I put them in the refrigerator and froze them, and was then able to take them all apart and never lost one."—E. J. POST.

—Eugene Klein, Inc. will sell the second part of Charles Steigerwalt's collection of U. S. and foreign stamps Saturday, June 29. Descriptive catalog is at hand.

—An unknown correspondent sends us from Lexington, Ky., a new aerial route postmark. We do not know any of the circumstances in relation to the same. In addition to the regulation Lexington postmark we have in three lines the rubber stamped inscription "U. S. Official—Aerial—Mail Stamp."

—We are indebted to Maitland Milliken for a bunch of six clippings. We appreciate courtesies of this character even though we are unable to use the clippings sent.

—*Gammans' Stamp Notes* is the latest house organ. For a sample, try 61 Nassau St., N. Y. City.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from C. M. Breder (6), J. Rausch, George Hoppe, Jr.

—Clarence H. Eagle of N. Y. is making an extended trip abroad and will not return until August 10.

—M. S. Karlitsky favors us with information in connection with the enterprise displayed by tobacco firms in sending out sets of stamps in packages of cigarettes.

—G. de Lachasse in remitting for a two years' renewal to the WEEKLY calls our attention to the fact that he has been a subscriber to the paper for twenty years. We have a large number of subscribers in the twenty year class.

—The Manhattan Stamp Co. has removed to larger quarters at 38 E. 23 St., N. Y. City. The firm will have a show window which will prove a material advantage.

—Walter R. Lindsay, Ardmore, Pa., who was reported in the WEEKLY two weeks ago, is now complained against by Leslie Hart, Pottstown, Pa.

—M. F. Klingenstein advises us that the American Tobacco Co. is using about three million stamps per week in the cigarettes the firm is placing on the market.

—The Springfield Stamp Club held its annual lawn party at the home of J. W. Prevost, June 4. It was ladies' night, and the attendance of members with wives and sweethearts was 37. The weather was threatening but this could not dampen the ardor or spoil the fun for the S. S. C. The lawn was decorated with Chinese lanterns and electric lights. A red-hot program of outdoor sports was prepared by the ladies under the direction of Mrs. Oppenheimer, the lady chairman, and the evening ended with dancing and refreshments.

—The Kansas Stamp Co. reports unsatisfactory dealings with Raymond Streathlow and W. Knack, both of Milwaukee, Wis.

—JOHN S. ALBEE.—The envelopes to which you refer are called albinos. In unused condition they are worth only a few cents each, due to the fact that so many hundreds of them have been discovered.

CANNOT BE SOLD OR GIVEN AWAY.

We are indebted to Dr. J. G. Grant and a Washington, D. C. correspondent for official data in connection with the postal savings bank stamps. We quote from the order as follows:—

"Special attention is directed to section 44 of the Instructions to Postmasters at postal savings depositories, which provides that the official postage stamps and official stamped envelopes of the Postal Savings System under no circumstances must be sold or given to the public. This rule applies to cancelled as well as uncancelled stamps and envelopes."

COMMUNICATION.

(We do not hold ourselves responsible for the views expressed by our readers. Our columns are always open for communications of general interest.—Ed.)

HARTFORD, CT., June 14, 1912.

TO THE EDITOR:—

On the first day of January next will be the 50th anniversary of President Lincoln's emancipation of the slaves. A bill has been introduced into the United States Senate providing for the fitting celebration of that day as the most important event in our national history.

Will that event be commemorated by a special stamp or set of stamps?

What a prospect of forever fixing the event in the memory of the people of the United States and every other place where the franking power of a postage stamp is known, and, to a philatelist with a little dreaming power what a vision of beautiful art and color opens out!

J. W. LONGNECKER.

MARGINAL PLATE NUMBER MISSING.

W. A. Langdon has submitted another sheet of stamps with plate number missing. This time it is from the bottom of the sheet and Mr. Langdon reports two different numbers as having been found in this form. We quote from his letter:

"Again I have the pleasure of sending you one sheet of 2c stamps 1912 issue, plate number A 5832 on side margin but omitted on the bottom of sheet.

I wish to state that I have just secured 25 sheets, plate number 5832 and 5836 mixed and each one is in the same condition as the one I have forwarded under separate cover."

STAMPALIA.

Rome, 23rd April.

"*Italy has notified the Powers that the occupation of the Island of Stampalia will be maintained until the close of the war.*"—REUTER.

It thrills the flock of statelets who
Are tended in "S. G., Part II.";
It lifts the hair upon the head
Of us who blush a British red.
Yet Albion can afford to smile
At loss of just a simple isle;
They might have pounced on Wales a spell,
With Lloyd George thrown in as well.
It thrills, this news across the foam
From Rome,—there is no place like Rome—
Flamed from St. Mark's by famed Marconi
O'er waving fields of macaroni.

Italia's going fine and large,
She means to make a big surcharge,
And catalogues will glow the gaylier
When indexed under "S," "Stampalia."
Don't taunt her for a jade turned silly;
She's got a bran-new Campanile—
Her Campanile's tinkling bells
Ring all along the Dardanelles:
(Italia's not the sort to shirk
When chance turns up to flout a Turk;
She sees the chance, she's just the kind,
You ne'er met a Venetian blind)
You'd swank a bit, without a doubt,
And snap up islands round about;
You'd elevate the lustrous hat,
If *you* possessed a thing like that,—
An "I fell" tower that tumbled flop,
The same old angel up at top;
You'd wag a flag, I'm very sure,
And gather bombs in gay Genoa,
And, aviating o'er the sea,
Drop them on Turks in Tripoli.

London's luckier by far,
London's got a Quadriga,
London Art's up several pegs—
Quadrigas have sixteen legs.

The first Turk's stamps, they didn't please,
They'd monograms like bumble bees;
And if in water they got wet,
Each curled up like a cigarette.
To me a stamp's a sad disgrace
That prints a wasp upon its face.
I can't think what they did it for
And hope the Turks won't win the war.

Now Turks' isles have a new design—
A melon rather large and fine:—
The caicos is a fruit that's found
Where Kaiks and Yashmaks most abound;
Like cabbages it often grows,
A rosy mauve, in rows on rows:
A melocactus, prickly, spiky,
Engraved *taille-douce* in Saloniki—
A strange device for Turks to hit on—
A melancholy thing to sit on.
(A caucus? No! You're wrong again—
Ask Mr. Joseph Chamberlain.)

Italia! Italia!
She's been and took Stampalia!!
It's in the *Daily Mailia*,"—
Oh, ain't she just a dahlia?
Italia! Stampalia!
Put on your best regalia!
Hip, hip, hip, hip, hooraylia!!
Italia! Italia!
Stampalia! *The Mailia*!
Italia's got Stampalia!
Oh ain't she just a dahlia?
Who says the war's a failure?

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BOSTON, MASS., June 18, 1912.

The 272nd (regular) meeting was held at the Club Room this evening with 22 members present.

The following report was read:—

Library Report for June, 1912.

Received by donation: Bartels' 47th sale priced catalog from J. M. Bartels Co.; Morgenthau's 46, 47, 50, 52 and 53rd sales priced from J. S. Rich; 1912 Scott's catalog from New England Stamp Co.; May number of Deutsche Briefmarken-Zeitung from Mr. C. L. Pack; and the current numbers of the following magazines generously donated by the publishers: Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal, Postage Stamp, MEKEEL'S WEEKLY, Stamp Journal, Berliner Briefmarken-Zeitung, Redfield's Weekly, Philatelic Journal of Great Britain, Scott Stamp and Coin Co. Circular, Philatelic Gazette, Roessler's Stamp News, New England Stamp Monthly, Griebert's Philatelic Notes and Offers, and Mitteilungen des Oberelsassischen Philatelisten clubs.

The Recruiting Committee through Mr. Dunning, made an appeal that the new application blanks be used by members for recruiting.

The Recruiting Committee was appointed to serve as an entertainment committee for the September meeting.

In the competition of 25 rarest stamps cataloging less than 50c each, Mr. W. E. Coburn was awarded the first prize and Mr. W. S. Barker the second prize.

A committee with Mr. Chas. H. Stone as chairman, will receive subscriptions to the New York International Stamp Exhibition of 1913. Members are urged to send their subscriptions through the committee that the Society may get due credit for the members efforts. One dollar entitles the subscriber to become a member of the International Stamp Exhibition Association.

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THE BEGINNERS' GUIDE.

GUM.

We have now described each of the parts of our dissected postage stamps with the single exception of gum. Gum is not an "essential" portion of a stamp but is a useful auxiliary added by kindly governments for the convenience of the public in affixing stamps to postal packages. Stamp collectors cannot ignore it for, as it has been officially applied and forms a part of the stamps as offered for sale at the post offices, an unused stamp cannot be considered "mint" unless it has its full original gum. There are exceptions, of course, for some stamps have been issued without gum and these must, naturally, also be considered mint. Quite a number of the stamps of various Portuguese Colonies were issued without gum and the 1871-75 stamps of Sarawak are rarely met with with gum. In the case of the former gum is omitted owing to the dampness of the climate of the places to which stamps are consigned. In the case of the Sarawak stamps these had gum originally when despatched from London but owing to the dampness and heat the sheets all stuck together and had to be soaked in water to be separated. This resulted in the removal of most or all of the gum and purchasers had to provide their own adhesive for affixing them to letters. In the vast majority of cases, however, stamps are issued with gum though the adhesiveness of this is a variable quantity. On the first stamps issued, the 1d and 2d British stamps which appeared in 1840, the gum, or "cement" as it was officially called, was a thick, dark-colored, evil-tasting compound highly deficient in adhesive properties. It was considered necessary to issue special instructions as to its use so on the margins around each sheet part of the inscription read:—"In wetting the back be careful not to remove the cement."

It is certainly interesting to examine the various kinds of gum shown on different stamps. We find thick glue-like mucilage on some of the older stamps as well as intentionally colored gums, while on most modern stamps the gum is either colorless or of a slightly yellow tinge. Then in the case of modern New Zealand stamps specialists distinguish between dull and shiny gums and in other countries we find smooth, hard, soft and streaky gums. United States and Canadian stamps are provided with gum which, as many collectors know to their cost, becomes "sticky" on the slightest provocation. The least trace of damp affects them and they then stick to one's album pages with such tenacity that they can be safely removed only by sacrificing the gum.

Stamp collectors rightly attach considerable value and importance to the presence of "original gum." But it is as well not to run to extremes on the matter especially in the case of old stamps. Some old stamps are better without their gum for owing to its composition it has a tendency to crack or discolor the paper. The absence of gum from a brilliant fresh looking specimen of a rare old stamp should not seriously affect its market value and it is certainly vastly to be preferred to a less brilliant specimen even when the latter has its full quota of gum.

Varieties of gum, as such, will not trouble the beginner. The advanced collector, however, frequently finds differences in the gum are of some assistance in distinguishing between various printings or issues of stamps and also, in isolated cases, in differentiating between reprints and originals. For instance a study of the different gums is of the first importance to the specialist who aspires to identify the genuine stamps of Hanover from the reprints.

SHORT REPLIES.

R. H. G. (Windsor, N. S.).—Stamps overprinted "Specimen" or words having the same meaning are, as a rule, stamps sent to Berne for distribution to the various countries belonging to the Universal Postal Union, those distributed to officials, etc., in indicating a change of design, etc. Such varieties are of interest to specialists for, generally speaking, they represent early printings of the stamps in question. As to their value I can give you little information. In the case of high value British Colonials they are sold for much below facial value; thus a $50 stamp overprinted "Specimen" could probably be purchased for about $7.50. They are not varieties that should be included in a catalogue and I know of no list of these stamps having been published at any time.

O. A. H. (Elkhart, Ind.).—The names shown in tiny letters below all the stamps of the 1908 issue of Austria are those of the designer and engraver. The name in the lower left hand corner is that of Professor K. Moser, who drew the designs while in the right hand lower corner is the name of Ferdinand Schirnboeck, who engraved the dies. These stamps, like all other issues for Austria, were printed at the State Printing Office in Vienna.

I. S. (Hastings, Neb.).—You will find the story of the Connell stamp of New Brunswick in the WEEKLY for April 15th, 1911. I am afraid I cannot find space to repeat it but I have no doubt you can obtain a copy of the WEEKLY containing it without much trouble.

G. S. (Richmond).—The Russian stamp overprinted "Smyrne" is one of a series for use in Russian Post Office maintained in Smyrna. Similar sets were overprinted for use in Constantinople, Jaffa, Jerusalem, Kerassunde, Mount Athos, Salonica, Beyrout, Trebizonde, Dardenelles, Metelin, and Rizeh.

Written for MEKEEL'S WEEKLY.

A BUNCH OF ERRORS.

By ARTHUR IRWIN SMITH.

Business was very dull. Benton sat listlessly in his office, idly turning the leaves of the book that held the records of his deals. He was only one of dozens of dealers in the city, and perhaps one of the youngest of that number. It was July, one of the dullest months of the year, and it seemed as if his competitors were getting all the trade of the season.

Benton had made a thorough study of the stamp business before venturing to invest his little capital. He had worked for awhile with one of the larger firms, and he felt confident that he was able to handle a business of his own successfully. While it was necessary for him to begin upon a small scale, he felt that uniform courtesy, promptness and honesty with his patrons would soon bring him his share of trade.

A stranger came into the office. Benton sat up erect and alert.

"Mr. Benton, are you adding anything to your stock at present?" began the stranger, a well-dressed young man of slightly foreign air.

"Not very much," replied Benton. His spirits fell; it was not a customer, but someone who wished to sell. Still he might pick up a bargain, so it was best not to lose all interest in the matter.

One of Benton's specialities was the stamps of the German colonies. Cruger, another young dealer, was his principal competitor along that line. Between them they controlled the bulk of the trade, but it seemed to Benton that lately Cruger was getting practically all of it. One of these colonies, which may be called Baronia for sake of convenience, was especially in demand. Both of the dealers had experienced much difficulty in getting anything from this remote country with which to satisfy their clamoring customers. Cruger had obtained three copies of the rare ten pfennig with inverted center, but they had been snapped up in as many days.

Benton's visitor was producing a large, long envelope from his pocket, and unfolding the contents with extraordinary care. An instant later he held a perfect, shimmering sheet of the rare Baronian error before the eyes of the astonished young man.

"In order to assure you of the genuineness of these stamps," he said, "I must tell you in confidence how they came to be in my possession. My trade is engraving and printing, although I have been interested in philately since I was about ten years old. Contrary to the general practice, this issue of stamps was printed upon the island of Baronia itself. I had charge of the printing there, and in some manner two sheets of these errors were made. One sheet was issued to the public; the other was held in the government's offices and I have it here. I have heard that you are one of the leading dealers in stamps of the German colonies, hence I am offering this sheet to you first."

Benton examined the stamps carefully. They had every appearance of being genuine. Should he buy them? It would certainly be a scoop; Cruger would be left far behind. Suppose the true story of how they came into his possession reached the public? What effect would it have upon his business?

"You may have this sheet of one hundred stamps," continued the stranger, impressively, "for five hundred dollars."

Still Benton did not speak. The stamps could easily be sold for three times that amount. Why should he refuse them because they were, practically speaking, the same as stolen property? No one need know.

"No," said Benton, a moment later, with sudden decision. "I cannot handle the stamps." His innate honesty had come to the front. He had resolved in the beginning to conduct a clean business, and he would keep that resolve.

"But, Mr. Benton, you can make a thousand dollars on this deal," insisted the fellow, an unpleasant light showing in his eyes.

"I prefer not to handle them," replied Benton, briefly. "Good-day."

He had certainly thrown away a good chance to make some money, reflected Benton, after his visitor had gone. Should he have let his scruples outweigh the welfare of his business? With the evening, however, there came several important orders to be filled, and Benton forgot the incident in the work that followed.

Somehow Benton could not help being surprised when he read Cruger's advertisement in the next week's papers.

"I have a few copies of the rare Baronian ten pfennig error," announced Cruger, "for sale at a reasonable price. They are in perfect mint condition."

Regardless of the season, business came to Cruger in an avalanche. Every collector of the stamps of the German colonies must have a copy of this error, and very naturally turned his trade to the dealer who could supply him with such a desirable specimen. Benton lost many of his old customers, and could find few new ones.

The surprise of the season came with the announcements of the week following. No less than four other dealers offered the rare Baronian for sale at varying prices. On the heels of this came the announcement from the experts that all of the stamps were reprints. A different paper and different ink had been used in the second printing. It had taken close microscopical examination to ascertain this, but it was a fact nevertheless.

The whole story came to light. The young engraver and printer who sold the stamps, had had complete access to the plates of the Baronian issue. Duplicating the ink and paper as closely as possible, he ran off several dozen sheets of the rare bi-colored error. Then he had come to America and foisted them off wholesale upon four or five credulous dealers, at fabulous prices.

With the discovery of the true status of the stamps there came a flood of collectors to Cruger demanding that he refund their money. Naturally they were angry at having been deceived. In the reaction that followed Benton found business again coming his way. It became known that he had refused to buy the stamps from the Baronian printer, and this fact brought him the respect of the philatelic public. Cruger was not openly condemned for dealing in the stamps, yet it hurt his business seriously.

A month later another stranger visited Benton. This time the dealer was very busy with some correspondence and kept his visitor waiting several minutes.

"My brother is consul in Baronia," he began, as soon as Benton could give him attention, "and I have received several letters from him lately with some queer stamps on them. I am not a collector, but I have heard that errors in printing sometimes make a stamp very valuable, so I have brought these to you."

He handed Benton three entire envelopes, each bearing one or more of the rare inverted ten pfennig stamps. There was no doubt as to the genuineness of these, for they had been postally used and were still on the original cover. Very likely the consul in replenishing his supply of postage stamps had purchased a part of the only sheet issued. Not noticing the error he used them up in writing to his relatives and friends at home.

Benton offered the man a fair price for the lot and his offer was accepted. This was a greater scoop than he had thought possible. To be able to offer half a dozen of the rare errors on the original cover was something he had never even dreamed.

This was the turning point in the rise of Benton's great stamp business. Cruger left the field burning his Baronian reprints and selling the remnant of his stock to Benton. As the years passed by, Benton's stock continued to grow, until at last he was ranked among the leading dealers of the day.

Neither Benton or Cruger is living to-day, but there is a saying of Benton's that should live forever:

"The man who handles doubtful goods, in the stamp business as well as elsewhere, will eventually lose."

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WHY I COLLECT UNUSED U. S. STAMPS.

By FRANK E. GOODWIN.

(At the last meeting of the St. Louis Stamp Collectors Society, held June 18th, one of the most interesting events of the evening was a debate on the question: "In collecting U. S. stamps shall I confine myself to the unused?" The affirmative speakers were Messrs. Eilers, Hardy and Goodwin, and the negative, Messrs. Collins, Mann and Myers. Mr. Goodwin being unable to be present sent his argument in mss. form and we are pleased to give it the wider publicity of publication in the columns of the WEEKLY.—ED.)

I collect the unused stamps of the United States principally because it is nobody's business what I do with my money. Primarily I might say that the local banks are already loaded up to the limit with my deposits, and stocks, bonds and mortgages have got on my nerves until it is hard labor and a bore to keep track of the dividends and clip the coupons.

Then, too, I have, since childhood, been of serious nature. Undertakers' establishments, funerals and well kept cemeteries have always been a source of pleasure and a joy forever to me. It is something of a task to visit the different morgues where current funds are kept in cold storage. What then could be more appropriate than to start a little burying ground of my own where I could inter my money and at my leisure and during my spare moments pay mournful tribute to the cash which has been decently and reverently buried without unusual and public display of my grief?

We are told that "cleanliness is akin to godliness." Therefore, being of a reverent nature I cannot find pleasure in the accumulation of unclean things, and a lot of cancelled postage stamps are most unclean, a condition which even a Turkish bath and a massage will not alleviate. Unused stamps are neat and tidy, and if they are in mint condition one knows that they have never been tainted or contaminated with evil association or indulged in habits of the unwashed tramp.

It is a pleasure, too, to add an unused postage stamp to my collection, and in after years have some expert doctor of philately inform me that it has been cleaned and treated to a nice new coat of gum to cover its back. Then I know that I have secured a stamp which is even rarer than its brother right from the postoffice, because it has been purified, cleansed of its sins, and has been born again. I advise all collectors to try and secure as many cleaned and regummed stamps as possible, if they are friendly inclined, because it is not likely that they will ever be compelled to part with their stamp friends. I know this, because most postage stamp buyers are unwilling to deprive an owner of his cleaned stamps, much as they will try to separate him from his used friends at ten per cent. of catalog. Then, too, if cleaned stamps are bought for unused and it is never discovered, there's a feeling of importance when the value is figured according to Scott's 1912, which came near being 1913. Then, too, what a man don't know doesn't hurt him any. So I say, if you can't get all unused postage stamps, let someone "soak" you with cleaned specimens, and above all, don't try to learn the difference.

Most of the later issues of United States postage stamps are still available for postage, and might come in handy in case a collector went broke. Think of the advantage of being in a distant place with no funds at hand, and no other means of communicating with friends who were not so unfortunate, but a collection of unused stamps in one's suit case. An unused two cent green, of the vintage of 1887 is still recognized for postage and an 1885 Special Delivery, even though not intended to find friends in any but a big city post office, will now be recognized by a boy on a bicycle in any Yap town in this country. Almost any hotel clerk will willingly donate a sheet of paper and an envelope for the advertising his place will get out of it, and the two stamps mentioned above will convey a message to loved ones, or someone who does not know your financial condition. If you have always paid your debts before chances are that these two stamps will prove a "get rich quick" investment and several hundred per cent. dividend will be realized just as soon as the friend can secure funds and rush it to the "broke" one in haste.

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Then, too, it is impossible to fix up an unused postage stamp with a smear of black and call it worth two cents, and then by some simple method place a green spot upon the stamp which had been attached alongside, and call it worth a dollar. One unused stamp is equally as valuable as its brother, unless, perchance, it has lost its chewing gum, or a few of its perforations have been ruthlessly shaved off, or possibly the design was knocked out of the middle by a cross eyed perforating machine. Even then, the difference will not be so marked as is caused by the vagaries or necessities of an ancient postmaster, whose sole aim seemed to be to invent a cancellation daub unique and different from any other.

The student of political economy will, if he is a stamp collector, accumulate nothing but unused postage stamps. If every collector in the country would retain nothing but unused stamps it would wipe out the postal deficit, and leave the department with a surplus. This because it costs the government only a few cents to make a thousand two cent stamps which it sells for twenty dollars, and the profit goes to maintaining city carriers and rural free delivery which would be impossible, if every stamp sold were to be used for postage.

In conclusion I will say that I have a number of used postage stamps, and I am ashamed to acknowledge it. I am of a generous and philanthropic nature, however, and if there is a collector here who honestly and conscientiously prefers to collect used stamps I will trade him such used stamps as I have for like unused copies without asking a bonus on any deal.

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THE BRITISH INSURANCE STAMPS.

By Fred J. Melville.

In the course of a few days the Insurance Stamps will be on sale at all the post offices of the United Kingdom. By courtesy of the Board of Inland Revenue a representative of *The Postage Stamp* was invited to a private Press exhibition of the new stamps.

It is officially explained that for the convenience of the public it was found desirable to provide stamps which shall enable employers and contributors to pay all ordinary periodical contributions by affixing to the cards supplied a single stamp. As the stamps are to be handled by the post offices it was also desirable that they should be clearly distinguishable from ordinary postage or revenue stamps.

Further as there are two parts of the National Insurance Act, 1911, covering totally distinct objects, it was neccessary that there should be stamps for each part of the scheme and that these two kinds should be readily distinguishable, the one from the other.

The two parts of the scheme refer respectively to the

Part I. National Health Insurance.
Part II. Unemployment Insurance.

To avoid any confusion with the postage stamps the Insurance Stamps have been made of a smaller size; the stamps are oblong in shape.

To facilitate the distinguishing between the "Health" and the Unemployment Stamps the designs have been drawn so that the longer sides are vertical in the Health and horizontal in the Unemployment stamps.

It will be seen therefore that the issue of the new kind of stamps has been very carefully planned with a view to the convenience both of the public and of the officers of the post office handling their distribution. As the stamps have to be affixed to cards or books with printed spaces provided it will clearly be impossible that confusion or interchange between the two classes of stamps can take place in the course of filling up such cards or books.

The design of the "Health" stamp consists of a crown surmounting a shield on which is clearly printed the value of the stamp. Surrounding the shield is a wreath in which the rose, thistle, shamrock and daffodil are combined as emblems of the four countries of the United Kingdom; it is officially explained that the separate National Commissions will all use the same stamps for all purposes. Above the crown are the serpent and bowl of Æsculapius, emblematic of the National Health Insurance.

Such is the official explanation of the emblemata; the design is naturally rather complicated for so small a space as .825 inch by .6125 inch, but the effect is quite pleasing with the careful and clean printing. The stamps are surface printed. The six denominations for which the largest demand is anticipated are each being printed in a single colour by the firm of Messrs. Waterlow Brothers & Layton, Limited of Birchin Lane, London; the other seven values (making up the series of thirteen denominations in all) are bi-coloured, these being printed on the presses of the Stamping Department at Somerset House, under the direction of Seymour J. Bennett, Esq., I. S. O., the Inspector of Stamping.

The thirteen denominations are as follows:—

(a) Surface-printed by Messrs. Waterlow Brothers & Layton, Ltd.

4½d, Pale Blue.
5d, Orange.
5½d, Mauve.
6d, Deep Blue.
7d, Magenta.
1s 2d, Yellow.

(b) Surface-printed in two colours in the Stamping Department, Somerset House.

1½d, Brown and Green.
2d, Brown and Blue.
2½d, Brown and Magenta.
3d, Green and Mauve.
3½d, Claret and Black.
4d, Claret and Orange.
1s, Claret and Green.

The first colour is that of the key-plate bearing the design except the value-shield, and the second colour given in the list is that of the value-shield.

In printing the single coloured stamps it appears that a separate composite plate has been prepared for each value; that is to say, they do not appear to have been printed from key and duty plates, and a comparison of the shield of value on the bi-coloured stamps will show that the single coloured stamps are printed from single plates at one operation.

We have not considered it necessary to discuss the Insurance Act in these notes save in regard to the special issue of stamps; possibly our readers have heard and read details and ciriticisms of the Act *ad nauseum*, but it is officially explained that

"The present issue [of the Health stamps] has been so arranged that in every case a single stamp is available for the payment of the joint contribution of employer and employee (whether male or female) for a week or fortnight. Only in the case of voluntary contributors paying a rate in excess of the flat rate or of a contributor desiring to pay up arrears, can a combination of stamps become necessary."

It is also stated that the issue of high value stamps is under consideration in connection with the scheme, whereby employers will be allowed under certain conditions, to deposit with the Insurance Commissioners, either quarterly in advance, or by weekly instalments, a sum sufficient to cover the contributions due for the quarter, the stamping of the contribution cards by the employer being deferred until the end of the quarter.

The second class of stamps to be issued under the provisions of the Insurance Act, 1911, are the Unemployment stamps. These are horizontal oblong in shape, and show as the principal feature of the design a ship in full sail, which is the old emblem of the Board of Trade. Above the ship is the Crown; the Rose and the Thistle are at the two sides of the stamp, and at the bottom is the Royal Cipher with representations of the Shamrock.

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Unemployment Stamps. Printed by Messrs. Waterlow Brothers & Layton, Limited.

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It was stated in the *Daily Telegraph* of Tuesday, June 11, that the Insurance Stamps would provide philatelists with their first glimpse of the new watermarked paper ultimately to be used for postage stamps, showing the device of the Crown and Royal Cipher. The watermark is a multiple one, or, as it is better known to printers, an "all-over" watermark.

It is highly significant philatelically, that the "multiple" watermark is to be brought into use in connection with our own postage stamps. It is only since 1904 that the multiple Crown over CA mark was first used for the De La Rue printed Colonial stamps and the advantages this kind of watermark presents in the printing of postage stamps leads one to anticipate the possibility of other countries and colonies adopting a similarly convenient "all-over" watermark.

Although the Insurance stamps are being printed and issued on "G. R. V." paper, this is a paper for postage stamps, and has been used for the Insurance stamps as a temporary expedient only. An all-over watermark "N.H. I." (National Health Insurance) will probably be used for the Health stamps; whether the Unemployment stamps will ultimately be printed on "N. H. I." paper, or on a paper with the initials of the Board of Trade (? and Crown) we are unable to say.

The perforation of the Insurance stamps is 14½ on the long sides by 14 on the short sides of the stamps. We understand that the makers of the new perforating machines for the George V postage stamps, Messrs. Grover & Co., Ltd. (Britannia Engineering Works) have constructed the machines for the perforating of the Insurance stamps. It is understood that one of the machines constructed by this firm will be exhibited in operation throughout the period of the week of the Jubilee International Stamp Exhibition next October, and before then we hope to publish a description of the very finely adjusted and massive machinery which has effected so great an improvement in the perforating of our English stamps. —*Postage Stamp.*

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COMMUNICATIONS.

(We do not hold ourselves responsible for the views expressed by our readers. Our columns are always open for communications of general interest.—Ed.)

ISMAY, MONT., June 21, 1912.

TO THE EDITOR:—

You have perhaps noticed the decisive part played in the last instalment of Mason's "The Turnstile," just concluded in the June *Scribner's* by a *stamp*. The hero, Harry Rames, has won fame and a bride by his Antarctic expedition, but when married, he follows his wife's inclinations by settling into an English country gentleman, entering politics and becoming a member of parliament. Seemingly he has settled into this routine existence, when one morning, as they sit at the breakfast table, the mail is brought in, and among it a letter, which, as afterwards develops, contains only a sheet of blank paper, but which is franked by a one penny stamp issued for "Rexland," the Antarctic country which he discovered. At sight of it the old longing for the waste places of the earth returns, and from that moment it was a struggle, though at first unspoken, between love that would keep him at home and the call of the frozen South. But at last the stamp wins and the story closes as they are again setting sail for the Antarctic.

Rexland bears a strange resemblance to King Edward VII. Land, whether Rames is Shackleton I cannot say, but that the stamp plays the decisive part here can be no question. The author is probably not a philatelist, for he makes the hero say: "A stamp was *struck* to commemorate my discovery of it," as though he were speaking of a medal. However, the way in which he brings it into the story is very clever, indeed, I cannot recall another instance in current fiction where a stamp produces similarly important results. Will you kindly call attention to it in your columns, as philatelists will no doubt be interested in it?

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FISHER'S ID. P.O., N.Y., June 23,1912.

TO THE EDITOR:—

My small advertisement in No. 1121 of M. W. S. N. has brought 12 replies—and probably more to follow. The trouble is, I have not prepared my 20th Century stock for approval trade. If you will kindly look up my copy you will probably see that I specified 19th Century. Mistakes *will* happen, of course.

W. F. SLUSSER, A. P. S. 4058.

GRACEVILLE, MINN., June 27, 1912.

TO THE EDITOR:—

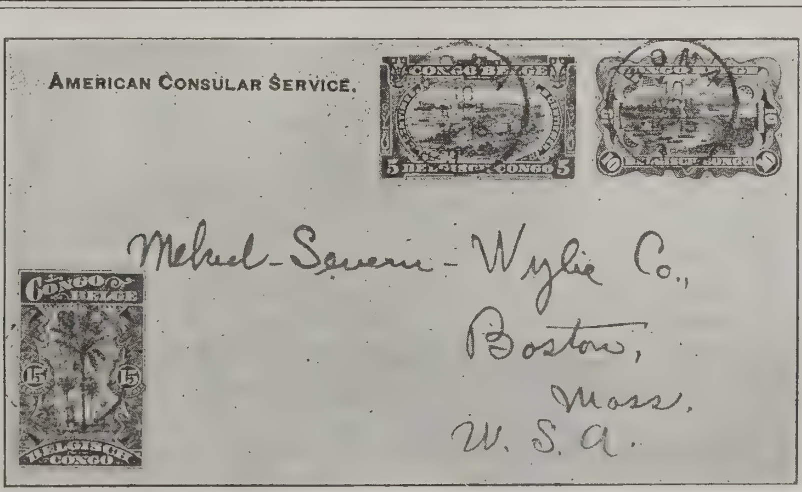
In sending in a limited solution to your last rebus, I cannot but feel the handicap under which the owner of a limited or specialized collection labors in a contest of this kind. A few months ago when it developed that one not possessing a U. S. 1869 90c was practically debarred from the competition, I concluded to pay no more attention to these rebuses, but the philatelic mind is naturally analytical and drawn to these problems and Mr. Hunt has a special facility in making them attractive.

The rebus before this one received but seven solutions and you laid it to the season of the year. That is not the explanation. The school boy may put aside his collection during the marble season, but not the veteran collector. To one with a limited collection the incentive to the contest may not be equal to the discouraging outlook, and I think this is a more reasonable explanation.

To a late questioner you explained that these rebuses are based on stamps and not on catalogue designs. This seems to be true, but why cannot we have a search within the limits of the standard? The scrutiny of stamps in possession may be productive of some profit, but the study of the catalogue brings (to me at least) vastly more result in the advancement of philatelic interest. The field is big enough and Mr. Hunt is just the man to find its treasures.

B. M. RANDALL.

(We shall be pleased to comply with the request of our correspondent, recognizing as we do the force of the argument presented. With the publication of one more rebus of the "advanced" type, we shall furnish some studies based on the catalog. The awards in our last contest will be made shortly.—ED.)



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EDITORIAL.

As Usual—This is the time of year when it is the custom to discuss the annual convention of the American Philatelic Society which is held each August. For 1912, Springfield, Mass., has been honored as the convention seat and past performance on the part of the hospitable philatelists of Springfield in entertaining the convention is a guarantee that the visitors this year will be received with all cordiality. Indeed, in 1902, Springfield's convention was ideal in its appointments and was a triumph in its social aspects. One could scarcely conceive of diversions more interesting and enjoyable than those that were provided. Those who have attendance at Springfield in prospect this year may rest assured that they will find the duties devolving upon the hosts discharged in a manner to add greatly to the felicity of the occasion. We know that Springfield, almost from time immemorial, a philatelic center, has grown greatly in philatelic grace during the past decade; and there should be no compunctions on the score of the ability of the Springfield men and women to make the convention a memorable one. The arrangements for the care and comfort of the visitors are progressing smoothly, we are certain.

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Serene—There is little competition for office in the American Philatelic Society this year, the only contest being in the selection of two of the three candidates for director-at-large. As all three of the members in question are men of distinction, the result must be a satisfactory one. The contenders for official journal are the present incumbent of the berth and two monthly papers, one of which, *Everybody's Philatelist*, offers a bonus of sixty dollars for the exclusive publication of all official matter. This year, the *Philadelphia Stamp News* tenders no bonus but "offers to publish all official reports, free." As nothing is said about exclusive rights by this bidder the assumption is that all the other papers that desire to publish the reports will be furnished with them by the secretary, following the precedent established in 1910 when the WEEKLY was the official journal. We are much in sympathy with the aims and ideals of *Everybody's Philatelist* but the change to a monthly suddenly would result dubiously, we are afraid, now that the members have been accustomed to a weekly for so many years; and further, the geographical position of the paper's publication office is not in its favor. The officers of last year are deserving of reelection on their records of work done willingly and intelligently. Mr. Barnum demanding relief from the burdens of the secretary's office is replaced by Wm. E. Ault as a candidate, a gentleman who from the best information is a worthy alternate. There is a strategic point much to Mr. Ault's advantage in his nearness to the home of Mr. Hassler, the treasurer, at Louisville, Kentucky. Mr. Ault is just "across the river" from Mr. Hassler.

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Different Views—A criticism has been read of the present by-laws of the American Philatelic Society as being inadequate and obsolete and entirely inapplicable to present day conditions; and it is argued that a new set should be adopted. This opinion is wholly at odds with some that have been expressed by competent critics who have acclaimed the by-laws for their shrewd and skilful construction. Different of the past presidents for instance have said that under analysis they were admirable as a working basis. Of course it does not follow that the code is flawless and that there is no need of the committee on by-laws annually appointed. On the contrary there is necessity for some adjustment each year and the members of this important committee may be depended upon to perform their task in bringing the by-laws to date with due deliberation and insight. Mr. Nast gives notice that he will propose an amendment at the convention to Article VI. Section 8 (add) as follows: "The president shall not be eligible to succeed himself at an annual election. Provided, however, that he shall again be eligible to the office of president, after the interval of a full term." We understand the purport and propriety of this proposed amendment and believe that it is a progressive step, speaking broadly. However, there are reasons to oppose the amendment and they may be termed physical, to a great extent. The work of the president's office, if attended to with due diligence requires much time and the president should be in a position where he can have the assistance of the business office of to-day. The volume of correspondence alone is a consideration that must be weighed. It takes several months for a new president to get the swing of things and just as he has mastered the situation, he finds his term drawing to a close. It should be an understanding, however, that one term as president does not establish the rule that a second is to follow. Then, a second term would be based on exceptional merit and illustrious achievement.

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It Comes—Mr. Thos. C. E. Hunter writes: "The June Official Postal Guide supplement, under 'Official Postage of Saving System' says: 'Official Postal Stamps and official envelopes of the Postal Saving System, under no circumstances must be sold or given to the Public. This rule applies to cancelled as well as uncancelled stamps and envelopes. Theo. L. Weed, Director." Perhaps, we need not add that this ruling has been anticipated by some collectors who have been giving attention to the manner in which some of the used stamps have reached the market.

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In the Newspapers—A Chicago paper that ought to know better says that King George in addition to collecting stamps has a liking for amateur theatricals and then says that he is a vaudevillian as well as a "numismatist," misusing the term for philatelist. However, it is just possible that the paragrapher had something in mind based on the following extract from a syndicate letter that appeared in a chain of newspapers a few days later: "King George's principal hobby until a few years ago, as most people are aware, was that of postage stamp collecting, his collection being the most valuable in the United Kingdom. Since his accession he has developed another hobby, known to but few save his immediate entourage and personal friends, namely the collection of medals and coins, especially those relating to the British Empire." Etc. It is probable that philately still holds its prominent place in the regard of the king and that it will not be supplanted by any other hobby.

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Many Thanks—The editor appreciates the kindness of those who sent him condolence on the death of his father, William B. Severn, aged 72 years, who for forty years had been actively engaged in the auction ad commission business in Chicago. Among those who attended the services at Graceland chapel were six members of the Chicago Philatelic Society.

A. P. S. PROXIES.

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NEWS GLEANINGS.

Under this heading we desire to publish all the news from the various philatelic centers. Correspondents' names will be given unless prohibited as we desire to give full credit for services rendered.

—A correspondent advises us that the permanent set for the Chinese Republic will appear the middle of this month.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from E. N. Costales.

—W. S. Aldrich, St. Joseph, Mo., reporting Walter R. Lindsay and A. Koppell also gives us H. J. Bronstein formerly 931 DeKalb Av., Brooklyn, N. Y.

—A. R. Bardsley presents us with a bunch of bad names. He informs us that R. G. Elvidge is the Moosic Stamp Co. backer. His list includes, G. M. Calder, Medicine Hat, Can.; and a nest of N. Y. City collectors consisting of A. Lauchner, Isidore Rorstacher, Chas. Lieberman and Max Davidson. No reply can be secured from any of these parties.

—Will Geo. E. Gage please send his address to C. W. Frost, Cambridge, O.?

—Moisant and LeClaire can secure no returns from letters sent to:—E. C. Hoare, Clinton, Canada; Abe Rubin, 21 East 99th St., and Isadore Freedman, 67 E. 112th St., New York City; Mevyn Alleman, 52 Hobart Ave., Summit, N. J.; Benj. Klein, 329 E. 79th St., and L. M. Greene, 1823 Madison Ave., New York City; J. K. Love, Steubenville, Ohio; Louis Singlawitz, 742 E. 6th St., New York; Wm. E. Otis, Care Mrs. Wm. Edwards, Augusta, Ga.; G. Menitoff, 1301 E. New York Av., Brooklyn, N. Y.; Homer Abbott, 123 Waverly St., Yonkers, N. Y. and A. Glassburg, 1661 Lincoln Place, Brooklyn, N. Y.

—Several subscribers have already sent in their A. P. S. proxies to the managing editor. It is his intention to attend the session at Springfield.

—W. K. MCKITTRICK.—The 13c stamp referred to is obsolete but can nevertheless be obtained at numerous post offices. We note that you obtained it at the Chestnut Hill, Mass., office.

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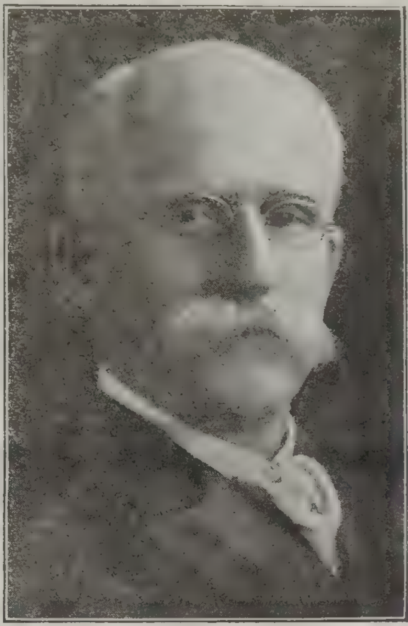

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Hamburg
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Mauritius, 1848-59 Locally Eng. and Litho.
Mauritius, 20th Century
Morocco Foreign and Private Posts
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Some folks may have thought we have been asleep because we have not been booming Springfield every week since the last convention but that is not so. We have so much we want to show you that we have had to consider carefully what to select for the week of the convention. At last we have our program practically finished and here it is.

First as to the headquarters. The Hotel Kimball is a new modern up-to-date half million dollar hotel. The meetings will probably be held in the banquet hall although that is not definitely settled. The rates (European plan) are from $1.50 up or for rooms with bath $2.50 up. No inside rooms. Write direct to the hotel to secure rooms and as Springfield is a great place in summer for automobile parties it will be well to write in advance to make sure of quarters. There are other good hotels to which the committee would be pleased to direct members upon application.

Monday night everyone is invited to spend a social evening at the residence of William C. Stone and get acquainted with the Springfield boys (and girls) and with each other. Purely informal. No oratory.

Tuesday morning the session will open at 10 o'clock and in the afternoon a trip to Mount Tom will be taken.

Wednesday morning another business session with a picnic at Minnechaug Lake in the afternoon. Baseball, etc.

Thursday morning business. Trip to Forest Park in the afternoon. The evening will be given up to a "Stamp Bourse" at the hotel. A room, or rooms will be provided with tables where members can show, sell, swap and talk stamps to their hearts' content. Bring on your stock books and want lists. It will be an open board with no "unlisted" securities.

Friday will be devoted to personally conducted parties "Seeing Springfield" etc. Should some of the members desire an opportunity can probably be given to visit one of the Holyoke paper mills.

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—When the WEEKLY was the official journal of the A. P. S. strenuous objections were made to any attempt upon our part to influence legislation or elections. Will the friends of Mr. Crocker take kindly to the efforts of Mr. Mann to make Mr. Nast a member of the directorate? Better watch out, Mr. Editor!

A FRENCH VARIETY.

By FRANZ REICHENHEIM.

Quite recently I had the chance of acquiring a very interesting curiosity, namely, a used copy of the 80c carmine, imperforate, of France of 1853, showing on the back parts of two stamps, standing *tête-bêche*, of the 1fr of the same issue, in a rose-carmine shade.

I examined this stamp thoroughly, and compared the impression on the back with the unused *tête-bêche* pair of the 1fr (from the "Castle" collection) in my possession, and with the reprint of the *tête-bêche* pair of the same value also in my collection, but could not find any fault except that the print of the design on the back was not quite distinct and that it was in a much lighter shade than usual. The latter may be the result of bad inking or of the gumming, or it may be an error of colour. I came to the conclusion that a sheet of printer's waste of the 1fr value had accidentally found its way into a quantity of sheets intended for the 80c value, and was printed and issued. I showed the stamp to Mr. Bacon, who, after a long and careful examination, did not like to pronounce it genuine, but declined to state that it was a fake or a forgery. I therefore submitted it to the Expert Committee of the Royal Philatelic Society, London, and they declared it to be genuine, and agreed with my opinion as regards its origin. As a plate of 300 stamps of the 1fr contained only one *tête-bêche* pair, and as it is most improbable that another waste sheet was printed in the same way, only one other copy of this curiosity can exist; but there may, of course, be found copies (298 in all) of the 80c stamps showing on the back parts of two stamps of 1fr in the regular position.—*West End Philatelist.*

OUR REVIEW.

Catalog of Precancelled Postage Stamps of the U. S.—We have received from F. L. Smith, 40 Exchange Pl., N. Y. City, a review copy of this catalog, which Mr. Smith writes is his "contribution to the cause." He is editor and publisher and is no doubt the best fitted for this work of any philatelist in the country. The book is a very comprehensive one but is a check list rather than a price list. These stamps have been used by twenty-nine states, 225 post offices, with a total issue to date of 5,241 stamps. The book has nearly one hundred pages and is priced at $1.00. Every collector of precancelled stamps will surely want a copy.

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FIRST ISSUE VENEZUELA.

The real facts are as follows: The first set of stamps, yellow, blue and red, were created June 28, 1858 by a decree of the Secretary of the Treasury, who had in those days control of the mails, and were provisionally printed in Caracas, by means of lithographic process. Copies of such stamps were sent to the United States to be engraved properly, which was done, and such second issue, probably made in New York, reached Caracas in November, 1859. The records say they were neatly engraved, but do not mention by whom or where, excepting that it was done in North America, by which we always understand in Venezuela, the United States. The first (Caracas) issue was printed on thin paper. The second (probably New York) was engraved on better paper, sometimes greenish and bluish. In both series occur the *medio real* in yellow and orange hues, and the *dos reales* really in all the shades of pink, carmine and vermilion.—*Philatelic Gazette.*

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CHRONICLE OF NEW ISSUES AND VARIETIES

Edited by HENRY A. KIDDER.

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BOLIVIA. — *Maury's Collectionneur* says that the authorized issue of the provisional stamps chronicled in No. 1118 was 500,000.

BOSNIA.—*Ewen's Weekly* chronicles three new values in the Jubilee issue, with dates "1830-1910"?

Adhesives.

12h ultramarine.
60h indigo blue.
72h red.

CEYLON.—The *Ceylon Times* gives the following definite information regarding the forthcoming issue of King George stamps: Commencing from about October next, the Treasury will issue one kind of stamp only for postal, judicial and revenue purposes. This is a concession to the public, so that ordinary postage stamps may be equally used for judicial and revenue purposes. The new stamps will bear the head of King George V., and as at present, the different denominations will be in different colors. The word "Ceylon" will be at the top, the words "Postage" and "Revenue" at the left and right of the portrait, and the value in the space at the bottom. There will be 17 denominations, ranging from 2c to 500r, as follows: 2c, 3c, 5c, 6c, 10c, 15c, 25c, 30c, 50c, 1r, 2r, 5r, 10r, 20r, 50r, 100r and 500r.

EAST AFRICA AND UGANDA.—*Ewen's Weekly* chronicles the issue of two values of the new King George stamps on the authority of the *Schweizer Briefmarken Zeitung*. By the way, the item in No. 1116 should have said that the 3c green had been issued on chalky paper, instead of ordinary, as the latter was issued several years ago.

Adhesives.

3c green.
6c carmine.

GIBRALTAR. — The *Schweizer Briefmarken Zeitung* reports having seen specimen copies of the ½d postage stamp and ½d wrapper, with portrait of King George. The stamp is on multiple paper and perforated 14.

Adhesive.

½d green.

GILBERT AND ELLICE ISLANDS. — Another value of the King George set has been issued, according to the *Schweizer Briefmarken Zeitung.*

Adhesive.

½d green.

GREAT BRITAIN. — From an official statement made in the House of Commons by the Postmaster General, it is learned that the British Postoffice is to issue ½d and 1d stamps in coils of 500 and 1000 stamps for the convenience of firms doing a large posting business. He explained that the delay in the issue of the higher denominations of the King George set was due to the necessity of providing better plates for the ½d and 1d stamps, for the re-engraving of the head and for the pressure in the manufacture and issue of stamps under the Insurance Act. Hitherto the control of the manufacture and issue of stamps has been in hands of the Board of Inland Revenue, but the Government inserted in the last Finance Bill a clause transferring these powers to the Postoffice.

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KEDAH.—The *Schweizer Briefmarken Zeitung* chronicles some further values in the new set, from specimen copies. These are in a larger design than those noted in No. 1118.

Adhesives.

10c brown.
20c green.
$1 red and yellow.
$2 red brown.

NORTH BORNEO.—The *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly* reports the discovery of two printings of the overprint "British Protectorate" on the $5 and $10 values of the 1901-04 series. Apparently there was a local emergency overprinting, presumably owing to a shortage of the official supply. The local overprinting was done with tall sans-serif capitals, while the normal printing was done with the type known as Latin Compressed, with serif.

SIERRA LEONE. — The note under Straits Settlements might well be repeated here as the 3d has appeared on chalky paper, and the same remarks as to color applies.

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS. — *Ewen's Weekly* reports that the 10c violet on yellow has been issued on chalky paper, instead of ordinary paper. By the way, *Ewen's Weekly* calls the printing "brown", as the yellow paper makes the ink appear to be brown, like the 3d of Great Britain.

ST. LUCIA. — The *Schweizer Briefmarken Zeitung* reports having seen specimen copies of seven values of the new King George set, all on multiple paper, perforated 14.

Adhesives.

½d green.
1d carmine.
2½d blue (ultramarine?).
3d violet on yellow.
6d violet and red.
1sh black on green.
5sh green and red on yellow.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA. — The *Australian Philatelist* notes that the current 1sh stamp has also been issued on Crown A. paper. The 6d and the 1sh are on paper with single-lined "A", while the 8d chronicled some time since is on paper with double-lined "A".

SALE OF EXHIBITS TO BE ALLOWED.

J. W. SCOTT in *Metropolitan Philatelist.*

Following the example of most public exhibitions of stamps and other articles it is probable the committee in charge will allow exhibits to be sold at the conclusion of the fair. The extensive publicity attained by a collection which has been seen and admired by thousands, to say nothing of those which have been ticketed by the judges as prize winners will doubtless secure buyers at very fancy prices for all who are willing to sell. The object of the exhibition is to excite an increased interest in stamp collecting, for that reason the fair will be held in one of the most important buildings in the city, in the center of art, fashion and wealth. Of the thousands who will attend not one half will be philatelists, but it is the aim of the managers to make all art amateurs stamp collectors through the beauty of the exhibits. Is your collection in shape to be shown? Have you eliminated the torn and damaged stamps and filled in all the vacant spaces which are required to round out the scheme which you are working out? Hundred thousand dollar collections will be shown and so will the hundred dollar style without the thousand, but they will be divided into classes and one is as likely to secure a gold medal as the others. The one essential is that they all show a plan carefully worked out. If you want to secure honor, glory or prizes, now is the time to get busy. Remember others will be looking for the stamps you want and the one who starts first will get the best specimens and probably secure them at a lower price than those who come later.

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THE DIVISIBLE STAMP OF GENEVA.

There are many folk who seem to make a hobby of giving advice to the Powers-that-be, and perhaps few in authority receive more suggestions from the public than does the Postmaster-General. One of the pet ideas that is constantly being re-invented in the fertile minds of the writers to the newspapers and to the Postmaster-General himself is that our penny stamp should be made divisible, that is to say, that it should consist of two portions each of which could be used separately for a halfpenny duty.

The idea is probably nearly as old as the postage stamp itself. I have no record of one of our twopence blue stamps of 1840 being bisected for use as two penny stamps, but it is by no means unlikely that this was done unofficially on occasion. Throughout the history of postage stamps even where a full series of stamp values was in circulation there may be traced instances, often isolated and purely accidental, of stamps used in portions. In some cases there has been definite published authority for such use.

In a few instances—very few indeed—stamps have actually been designed for such use. Among the more accessible stamps which may be quoted as examples are the 4/4 schilling stamps of Mecklenburg-Schwerin of 1856 and 1864 and the 4/4 gutegroschen stamps of Brunswick of 1857. But the original and historic example is the rare double Geneva which, although of the facial value of 10 centimes, could be purchased when current at the reduced price of 8 centimes; to-day the most generous of stamp dealers would ask you £75 for a copy.

The divisible Geneva came into use long before the first era of philately; it was forgotten ere the pioneer philatelic luminaries first gathered in the Rectory of All Hallows' Staining, or the book-shop of the rue Taitbout. It was not discovered until stamp collecting had become a popular pursuit, and on its discovery was regarded with grave suspicion. Probably even at that time it was no unknown thing for a stamp to be used in portions, and the Mecklenburg-Schwerin and the Brunswickers must have been familiar enough to collectors of the period. But the curiosity of the 10 centimes Geneva which could be broken up into two 5 centimes stamps, and which pretended to an antiquity compared to which the Brunswickers and Mecklenburgs were modern innovations, probably led the sceptical Mr. Edward Pemberton to denounce the stamp as an ingenious but spurious invention. It was one of the few errors of judgment this earliest and most intuitive of forgery-detectors made and persisted in for years. That its peculiarity as a divisible stamp was a factor in the formation of his opinion is clear from the first part of his description of it in *Forged Stamps: how to detect them.* He says:—

"The 10c Geneva Port Cantonal, composed of two 5c Port Local, is a complete fiction. One would think its appearance was enough to condemn it, and yet it has been largely sold, and even inserted in our best catalogue of stamps."

The Swiss cantons, as every collector knows, were amongst the first States to follow the lead of Great Britain in issuing stamps for the prepayment of postage. Zurich was actually first with its stamps March, 1843, and two months later, May 22, Professor de Candolle was interesting the Grand Council of

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the Canton of Geneva with his proposals for a reformed postal system of which stamps for franking letters were to form part. Before Geneva's famous first issue came into use on October 1, 1843, Brazil had given us in July the first of its bull's-eye stamps.

M. de Candolle had been in London in 1839, at the height of the Uniform Penny Postage agitation and he was impressed by the scheme and subsequently followed its development "with all the interest that a bold and ingenious plan is capable of inspiring." But in his speech before the assembly he was clearly timid about the risks to the revenue of introducing so broad a scheme as that which Rowland Hill had successfully advocated in England. His arguments dwelt more upon the advantages of prepayment, both to the Post Office and to the public. His dictum "everyone writes more letters in his own interest, or for his own satisfaction, than in the interest and for the satisfaction of another," led him to the view that if it were as easy to prepay a letter as to post it "a general feeling of delicacy and justice would cause the number of prepaid letters to be in excess of that of unpaid letters."

After setting forth the advantages of the English stamp system M. de Candolle discussed its applicability to the posts of Geneva. He said:—

"Letters above a certain weight can be franked [in England] by means of a blue label which costs double. This arrangement would be a needless expense in Geneva. It would be a saving to allow two labels to serve for a double letter, or one for every ounce. The only difficulty I see, arises from there being two rates: one for letters delivered in the commune in which they are posted, another for letters to be conveyed from one commune to another. Letters now cost 5 centimes in the former case, and 10 in the latter. But it is clear that one could adopt a uniform rate for the whole Canton by selling the labels at an intermediate price, say at 8 centimes (8 francs a hundred). This would cost a loss of 3 centimes in prepaying for the interior of a commune; but there would be a gain of 2 centimes in prepaying letters sent from one commune to another, and these letters are by far the more numerous."

In reporting on the proposals to the Council of State the Finance Department without judging it necessary to state the reasons for its opinions, saw nothing that is not most beneficial in the employment of stamps and envelopes as in England and in Zurich. The Department proposed to the Council the adoption of the principle, and the preparation of a scheme for carrying it out.

On the question of rates, however, the Finance Department gave reasons for the maintenance of the two rates of 5 centimes and 10 centimes, and incidentally set forth the following statistics of the *Petite Poste* of Geneva for 1842:—

		fr.
45,478	letters from outside the Canton for the communes, producing	4,547.80
69,190	letters from the town for the communes, producing	6,919.00
289	letters from one commune to another, producing	28.90
7,653	letters from the communes for the town, producing	765.30
122,610	letters in all, producing	12,261.00

the expenditure for the year being 11,351 francs.

When the matter of the stamps was referred to the Finance Department, with instructions to prepare a scheme, the Department's first proposal was to issue a 5 centimes label, one such label to be used on letters posted and delivered within one commune, and two such labels on letters from one commune to another. There is here no hint of the issue of the stamps in the peculiar double form, nor is there in the minute of the sitting of the Finance Department of September 26, 1843, when it was stated that the stamps were ready; but in the notice to the public issued through the *Feuille d'Avis* of the Republic and Canton of Geneva, September 27, 1843, we get the first reference to the double-form of the stamps, the charges for the stamps being:—

5 francs per sheet of fifty *double* stamps;
50 centimes per row of five ditto;
10 centimes per double stamp;
5 centimes per single stamp.

The notice also stated: "Two stamps placed together will frank a letter weighing less than an ounce sent from one commune of the Canton to another. A single stamp will frank a letter posted at an office for the interior of the commune,—for instance, at Geneva for Geneva, at Carouge for Carouge, etc."

The stamps came into use on October 1, 1843, and were the kind we style the "double Geneva," lithographed in black on apple-green coloured paper. They were in sheets of fifty doubles, or one hundred 5 centimes duties set in pairs, and bearing the inscription:

10 | PORT CANTONAL. | Cent.

above each pair. They were produced by a Geneva printer rather meagrely indicated in most of the philatelic records as "the lithographer Schmidt," and in the sum total of his manufacture of these stamps it is believed he printed six hundred sheets of a hundred stamps, *i. e.*, as I take it, fifty "doubles"; 60,000 singles, or 30,000 "doubles" in all.

Rather contrary to the excellent M. Candolle's views of the acceptance by the Genevans of the etiquette of prepayment it was found that the majority of people continued to send their letters unpaid. To bring the use of the stamp into more general favour therefore, the authorities sold the stamps, from March 11, 1844, onwards, at the rate of 8 centimes the double, and 4 centimes the single stamp, thus penalising the unpaid letters by making them liable to the full charge of 5 or 10 centimes respectively.

The double Geneva stamp is, of course, a great rarity, the late M. Paul Mirabaud, the greatest collector of Swiss stamps, whose collection realised about £8,000 when sold after his death had a mint double, and a mint pair of doubles, and a fine lot of the stamps, single and double, used, including original letters. So far as my records go the pair of doubles was the largest block he possessed, though his was the richest store of the Cantonal stamps ever brought together up to the time of his death. The largest block of the double Geneva on record was that formerly in the collection of the late Sir William Avery, Bart., which comprised six doubles and three singles, or 15 x 5 centimes; the block, probably the largest block on record of a stamp of so high a degree of rarity, was sold to Sir William by Mr. W. H. Peckitt many years ago, and passed back to that dealer in 1909 with the whole of the great Avery collection which Mr. Peckitt bought for £24,500 net cash. The magnificent block has since passed into the possession of Mr. Henry J. Duveen, who is to-day the fortunate owner of the finest collection of the early Swiss stamps in existence.—*Postage Stamp.*

INSULTING.

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THE BEGINNERS' GUIDE.

How Postage Stamps are Made.

I have now described the various parts which, collectively, make a complete postage stamp and it is next of importance that the beginniner should have some idea of the different processes employed in the manufacture of postage stamps. Without at least a rudimentary knowledge of the means employed in making stamps the novice can hardly collect and arrange his stamps intelligently nor can he properly understand the meaning of such terms as "engraved," "die," "plate," "lithographed," etc., which constantly appear in catalogues and articles on philatelic matters.

The three chief processes employed in the manufacture of postage stamps are line-engraving, surface printing or typography, and lithography. Other processes occasionally employed are variations of these three, which I have placed in their order of importance.

Line-engraving merits first place for several reasons. It was the process employed in the production of most postage stamps issued during the twenty-five years immediately following their invention, it is a process productive of more artistic results than any other, and it is the only method ever used in the production of United States postage stamps.

The procedure adopted is as follows:—A drawing of the proposed design is prepared, generally on an enlarged scale, and when this has been approved by the responsible authorities a copy of it, but with all the details reversed, is made by a skilled engraver on a flat slab of specially prepared steel. This engraving is the exact size the stamp will be when printed and it is technically known as the "die" or "matrix." The slab of steel forming the die is "softened" so that the engraver can work it the more easily but when his work is complete the die is hardened and is then in such state that innumerable impressions, all absolutely alike, can be taken from it. On the die not only is the design reversed but the parts that will show in color on the finished stamps are cut *into* the steel while the uncolored parts are in relief. When the die has been hardened an impression (or several impressions if required) is transferred to a small roller of "softened" steel under heavy pressure. On the roll the design is again reversed as compared with that on the die, the lines which had previously been in recess now being in relief and vice-versa, while the design is now like it will be on the finished stamps. This "transfer roll" has in turn to be harened and from this the plate or plates used for printing are made. Impressions from the roller are made as many times as are necessary on the "plate" until it contains the desired number of stamps, each impression, of course being exactly like all the others. This process again reverses the design and the impressions on the plate are exactly similar to the die, the parts that will show in color in the printed stamps being cut into the steel. Any desired marginal inscriptions, plate numbers etc., are now added, the superfluous ridges of steel between the impressions, due to the heavy pressure employed, are toned down, and after the hardening process the plate is ready for the printer.

In printing considerable force is necessary to properly fill the hollows with ink and all that adheres to the surface of the plate is carefully wiped off. Then the paper, which has been previously dampened, is applied in such a manner that it is forced into all the small lines and hollows and so takes up the ink with which they are filled. On many stamps produced by line-engraving the ridges of color can not only be seen quite distinctly but they are prominent enough to be felt.

It will be readily understood that when the above process is properly carried out each stamp on a sheet is an exact facsimile of all the others. It requires special machinery and skilled workmanship so that it can only be employed by a limited number of firms. In some countries when stamps were first needed and the necessary machinery etc. for high class work was not available the authorities had to make shift with such plates as local talent could furnish. In many of these cases it was not possible or convenient to engrave a die but the design had to be engraved direct on to the plate. In these instances, too, the plates were of copper as being an easier medium to work on. The most experienced engraver could hardly reproduce the same design twice exactly alike and as the engravers responsible for these locally engraved stamps were rarely too well skilled it follows that each design on the plate differs more or less materially from the others and owing to this fact specialists can now "reconstruct" these plates. Owing to the difficulties in the way of obtaining even tolerably close copies of the design these plates usually contained but a small number of impressions. Stamps produced by this means include such well known favorites as the "Sydney Views" of New South Wales, "Post Paid" Mauritius, early Tasmania, 1866-67 Bolivia, and St. Louis, Baltimore, and Providence Postmasters' stamps of the United States. Naturally, being made of such a soft material as copper, these plates soon showed signs of wear with the result that in many cases "retouching" and "re-engraving" was resorted to. In retouching those parts of the design which were worn away were restored, while in re-engraving practically the whole of the design was re-cut, often in such a manner as to be almost unrecognisable from the original.

In one instance stamps produced by line-engraving were printed direct from the original dies. This happened in the case of the famous "Post Office" Mauritius stamps when the single designs engraved for the 1d and 2d labels were at once the dies and the plates.

(*To be continued.*)

SOME STAMP STORIES.

How to Collect.—The following story, dealing with a novel way of collecting stamps, may interest my ardent stamp collectors. A young man who had not much petty cash to spare on stamps decided on the following way of amassing a large collection. He put in the *Times* one day the following announcement: "Marriage—A handsome brunette, twenty years of age, possessing £100,000 in her own right and an expectancy of half a million, would marry an honest man, even though he had no fortune. Letters will be received until the end of the month, and should be accompanied with stamps for return postage to secure attention." From all parts of Europe, it is said, and even Asia and Africa, responses soon poured in. The result was that the young man's collection was said to have been augmented by over 25,000 specimens from all over the world.

Buying up the Post Office.—A storekeeper in a small out-of-the-way town in the United States many years ago hit upon a novel method of advertising his store. He conceived the idea of buying up the stock of stamps at the Post Office, across the way. The Postmaster objected to be demanded of all his stock, but his mysterious customer demanded the stamps, sheet by sheet, over the counter, as an ordinary member of the public until he had bought every stamp to be had. Then he took the stock over to his store across the road, and plastered his windows with notices that postage stamps were only to be had at his store; and, to his mortification the Postmaster had to send customers across to his store for any stamps they needed, until some days after he once more got in a stock from headquarters.

A Memorable Deal.—Many are the stories of notable errors of stamps printed in the wrong colour. One of the most notable is the 2d of Western Australia, of 1865, printed in pale violet, the colour of the 6d. Concerning this error the following story is told. In 1878 the firm of Stanley Gibbons remitted a sum of money to the postmaster at Albany, Western Australia, for stamps then in use. In his reply the postmaster sent a half sheet of 120 of the 2d value asking that they might be accepted at the price they were charged to him by the Treasury, viz., 6d each. This was done and the stamps were sent out by Stanley Gibbons as curiosities at 5s each. One well-known collector of Western Australians objected to pay this sum and returned them, but a year or two afterwards he was glad to secure one copy for £5. To-day they are catalogued at £20 each.

The Old Lady's Receipt.—The following story belongs to the early days of the introduction of adhesive labels for the prepayment of the postage of letters. The incident is said to have happened in Paris.

The widow Richard, an old lady, entered a post-office very much out of temper.

"Sir," she exclaimed to the clerk, in a voice trembling with anger, "how does it happen, I should like to know, that when one has prepaid the postage on a letter, the person to whom it is sent is made to pay it again?"

"How it happens, madam?" cried the clerk; "why, it doesn't happen at all."

"Well, I say that it does happen; and what's more, that it happened to-day, there!"

"And I tell you again that it is impossible that it should be so."

"But it is a person of my acquaintance to whom I wrote yesterday, and whose letter I prepaid, who says she had to pay for it, too. She was furious about it, and I don't wonder she was, for I wrote her concerning my own affairs, and she had to pay the postage. It's a downright robbery, I say!"

Thereupon the widow kicked up such a rumpus that it was found necessary to call in a policeman and take her before a magistrate. Instead of pacifying Madame Richard, this proceeding nearly threw her into the last stage of exasperation. Although the officer requested her to assume a proper line of conduct, the widow persisted in her fury, and stamped and screamed most uproariously.

"To be told, too, that I don't know what I done with it!" she cried.

"Done with what?" inquired the magistrate.

"The receipt," answered the widow. "The receipt which proves that I prepaid the letter." So saying, she fumbeld in all her pockets.

"There!" she exclaimed suddenly, "I've got it. Here it is!" And she exhibited triumphantly to the magistrate—what do you imagine? A postage stamp!

The poor lady had taken it as a receipt for the money she had paid to the clerk, and had treasured it sacredly instead of sticking it on the letter.—*Brixton Gazette.*

SALE OF HISTORIC MEDALS.

(Clipping from J. Spiro.)

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	1c green, perf. 12 horizontally	.25
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	1c green, perf. 8½ horizontally......	.15
	2c carmine, perf. 12 vertically	.25
	2c carmine, perf. 12 horizontally...	.25
	2c carmine, perf. 8½ vertically	.12
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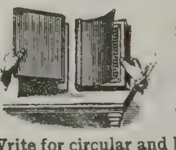

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CHAPTER III.

Issue of 1851-1860.

Although the catalogues, hand-books upon stamps, and collectors themselves divide this series of United States postage stamps into two issues (designated as Issue of 1851-56; and Issue of 1857-60) I cannot reconcile myself to such a distinction. Those stamps which followed the issue of 1847, and which were superseded by those issued in 1861 seem to me to be entitled to be called one issue only, and that which is commonly known as the issue of 1857-60 should be known as the perforated variety—those before it the imperforate variety.

No act of congress nor general order from the post office department created any new issue in 1857. In fact, without any preliminary notice to the public, or to the various postmasters, these stamps were furnished in perforated state, as the imperforate ones became exhausted and postmasters made requisition for new supplies.

So at the risk of being ridiculed, perhaps, by those who would say that the author should not set himself up higher than the cataloguers, or various expert authorities upon the subject, I shall treat these stamps, imperforate and perforated as one issue, and two major varieties.

This scheme does not, of course, operate smoothly with the catalog numbers. But I am certain that specialists will derive more pleasure and thorough understanding of the issue if they will group the one cent, three cent, and on up together, upon sufficient pages to separate the varieties, than if they treat the stamps as two issues.

1 CENT BLUE, 1851-1860.

Approved by Congress, March 3, 1851.
Issued, unperforated, July 1, 1851.
Printed by Toppan, Carpenter, Casilear & Co., Phila., New York, Boston & Cincinnati.
Number of plates—12.
Stamps delivered to postoffice department, June 30, 1851, to July 6, 1855—26,827,700.
No record of balance.

SAME ISSUE PERFORATED.

Issued, perforated, February (?) 1857.
Number issued, not known—no record kept.

With the single exception of the three cent of the same issue I know of no stamp produced for postal use enjoys such possibilities for extensive research as does the One Cent of 1851-1860. It is true that the catalog only lists six varieties, and six shades, 12 stamps in all and of these eight are priced prohibitively to all but the collector whose pocket-book is fairly well fattened.

The catalogued types, I, II and III, are too well known to be further explained here.

There is a fourth type which the standard catalog does not mention, and hundreds of these have been passed up by collectors who, having the catalogued type II, did not know of the type IV, and did not care to possess two of what they supposed were the same. Type IV is as collectible and as worthy of mention in the catalog as any of the other types. When the plates were made the die was not sufficiently rocked to show the line outside the labels at top, bottom, or both, and these were re-cut by the engraver, in the plate, and this line forms type IV.

The engraver did miss re-cutting the line into some of the designs on the plate, and the stamp printed from this design forms what the catalog designates as type III.

That the engraver was not careful in his treatment of the plates, in his attempt to make them uniform, is proven by the fact that pairs adhering are found containing a combination of types I and II, types I and III, types II and III, types II and IV, and types III and IV.

There is still another type of this issue found imperforate, which I believe is worthy of the research of the collector. It is a form of type III, but bears all of the characteristics of the type III of the perforated variety. The scroll work has been cut away from the sides, and the circle has been removed—not by insufficient rocking of the die, but by an engraver's tool. This I will designate as type IIIa. This may possibly be from a sheet not being perforated, as was intended—thus becoming an error.

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1c " end 12	.10	.20
1c 1912 side 8½	.04	.07
2c 1911 end 12	.50	.95
2c " side 8½	.07	.12
2c 1912 end 8½	.07	.12
3c " side 8½	.15	.28
4c 1908 end 12	.40	.75

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2c " "	.14	.18
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NEW YORK, June 26, 1912.

GENTLEMEN:—

In your issue of Apr. 20th, Mr. J. L. Hitchcock of San Francisco, Calif., advertised a Hawaiian Missionary, 13c, type 2, which we purchased in due course.

We enclose a photograph herewith, so that you can see the superb condition of this stamp. The stamp is uncancelled on the original cover, and very rare in this condition.

The Yvert & Tellier catalog is the only one which prices any of these stamps unused, and lists the 5c, at 15,000 frs, and the 13c H. I. & U. S. at 10,000frs, placing no price on this one.

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AUSTRALIAN DESIGN APPROVED.

From the Melbourne *Daily Telegraph* of April 3 we learn that the Cabinet has approved Mr. Frazer's stamp design.

The same design will apply to all stamps of all denominations, with green for the halfpennies, red for the pennies, and blue for the two pennies. These are the colors required by the International Convention. It is estimated by the department that it will take 12 months to have the die prepared and the first issue of the new stamps made. This may seem long, but seeing that the development of the stamp, in its passage through from the various stages of spasmodic Ministerial activity, has absorbed about 11 years, 12 months for the issue is not thought to be phenomenal.

Every Minister who has been at the Post Office has entered with the fixed idea of evolving a Commonwealth stamp. Usually the King's head has been the central figure. Mr. Thomas, when P. M. G., called for competitions, offered a large reward, appointed a board to adjudicate, paid the competitors, and did nothing. The nearest that he could get to a decision was to reduce the designs to half a dozen, hang them on his office walls, and leave the responsibility of selecting one of them to his successor.

It was after a year's anxious thought that the department called in an official artist to supply it with a more suitable design than the competitors had submitted. The present stamp is the result. Whether the design is good or bad, it represents finality in a subject that has conquered the patience and shattered the ingenuity of Ministers since the beginning of Federation.

LETTER BY AIR TO MAYOR.

Gaynor Receives First Message Sent by Aeroplane from New Jersey.

(Clipping from HUGO KUENSTLER.)

Mayor Gaynor has received one of the first messages transmitted by aerial mail service. The envelope was postmarked South Amboy, N. J., and stamped "Aero Plane Route No. 900006, Via Aeroplane Mail Service from South Amboy, N. J." Inclosed in the envelope was a message signed by E. C. Roddy, secretary of the South Amboy Business Men's Association. It read:

"This letter is sent to you via United States Aerial Mail Service. This is the first official aerial mail service authorized by the Postmaster General in the State of New Jersey, and extends to you the greeting of the South Amboy Business Men's Association, under whose auspices this initial mail service was performed by Aviator Oliver G. Simmons in the Wright-Burgess hydroaeroplane." The "aerial" letter was delivered by the regular Post Office service.

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U. S. Eagle Carrier, orange on thin bond	..	5.00
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COMMUNICATION.

(We do not hold ourselves responsible for the views expressed by our readers. Our columns are always open for communications of general interest.—Ed.)

HANOVER, PA., July 6, 1912.

TO THE EDITOR:—

I enclose correspondence which demonstrates that Geo. R. Lucas, Elmira, N. Y. and later of Auburn, N. Y. obtained a selection of stamps on approval under very suspicious circumstances.

The Elmira card was answered by sending a selection without investigating the reference. When I heard from him at Auburn, I wrote his reference but the letter was returned. I wrote him in reply to his second card that I would be pleased to send him a second lot upon returns being made for the first. So far nothing has been heard of him.

I would be pleased to hear whether any other dealers have been defrauded or not.

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NEWS GLEANINGS.

Under this heading we desire to publish all the news from the various philatelic centers. Correspondents' names will be given unless prohibited as we desire to give full credit for services rendered.

—Harry E. Huber informs us that commissioner Geo. S. S. Hirst of the Cayman Islands died June 8.

—Earl F. Campbell sends us a Japanese post card with a Japanese aerial post mark. The route was from Tokio to Yokohama, a distance of twenty miles, and W. B. Atwater, an American aviator, acted as mail carrier in a Curtiss hydroaeroplane. The date is June 1, 1912.

—Eugene Klein of Philadelphia left last Tuesday on a business and pleasure trip to Europe.

—A news clipping states that all the Zeppelin baloons in Germany will hereafter be fitted to carry mails and a wireless equipment.

—Harry C. Bradley reports unsatisfactory dealings with H. K. Leworthy and Raphael Duke, both residing on White St., Fredonia, N. Y.

—The firm of L. L. Albright Co. reports Eugene Summers, R. 1, Bayard, O. and Benj. Weisner, 66 E. 114, N. Y. City.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from M. S. Karlitsky, C. S. Mundt (2), Hugo Kuenstler (5), M. A. Lesser (2).

—M. A. Lesser of N. Y. City sends us a couple of clippings from the N. Y. *Staats Zeitung*. A German aerial mail postmarking is shown upon a card which bears in addition to the regular postage what appears to be a special aviation label. The other clipping announces special sets of stamps for insular use ordered by Italy for the two islands which it recently snatched from the Turks. The clipping goes on to say that for foreign postage the Italian government has decreed the use of its own stamps.

—G. A. Doyle, Bridgeport, Ct., reports Alfredo Villagraa, Valparaiso, Chili, unsatisfactory dealings.

—Webb's *Stamp Monthly*, Perry, O., is the latest candidate for philatelic favor. A sample copy can be obtained upon application without doubt.

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Collectors having any of such are earnestly requested to send what they can spare, with lowest cash price, or with want list for exchange.

Even the three cent stamps of each issue are wanted, along with the others.

Correspondence is desired with collectors who specialize in U. S. or who desire to, and need assistance. The object is not speculation, but to secure all possible information upon the subject for my forthcoming series of articles upon Specialized United States and the Uncatalogued Varieties, to appear soon in MEKEEL'S WEEKLY STAMP NEWS.

To make these articles of the greatest possible benefit to every collector of U. S., I respectfully ask the co-operation and assistance of everyone possessing U. S. stamps and their adjuncts which they can spare. For all stamps loaned or contributed, I will pay the postage.

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Official Letter to A. C. Roessler.

London Postal Service, G. P. O.,
13th June, 1912.

With reference to your application of the 3rd instant I am directed to inform you that the registered letter in question is recorded to have been forwarded by the packet "Titanic". None of the mails on board the packet has been recovered.

The question whether any indemnity can be paid to the senders of registered correspondence lost in the "Titanic" has not yet been decided, but meanwhile you may desire to state the value of the contents.

As soon as a decision is reached a further communication shall be addressed to you.

(signed) J. A. HYDE.

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(Concluded from page 221.)

The true broken circle of the unperforated variety is found in the perforates, making five distinct varieties in each so-called issue, or ten varieties in all.

Owing to the scarcity of stamps of Type I, shades are not prolific, but it is found in pale blue, blue and dark blue.

Types II and IV being the most common naturally are productive of most shades. In the unperforated varieties these are found in sky blue, pale blue, blue, slate blue, dull blue and blue black.

Type III is found in greenish blue, in addition to pale blue, blue and dark blue.

Type III, in the perforated variety is found in sky blue, pale blue, blue, slate blue, greenish blue, dark ultramarine, and blue black.

This gives the specialist ten collectible varieties, and a multiplicity of shades which alone make up a number of handsome pages. But even here the study does not end.

Types II and IV being the most common in the unperforated varieties one can with profit hunt for the type with full side ornaments, and cut away.

A line of color starting from a position dot at right top of stamp runs across the top, forming a straight outerline.

The type II is found with shifted die, it being distinguished by a line of color running through the middle of the bottom inscription, and ornaments at lower left corner being double, showing multiplicity of shading.

An interesting variety of this is a single stamp showing a combination of types II and IV, the top line being recut into type IV, and the bottom line being that of type II and reversed.

Black, blue and pen cancellations are of about equal commonness. Red cancellations are rather scarce. Paid cancellations are not exceptionally rare, but carrier's stamp cancellations are not freely met with. I have seen only one or two cancellations in green. Cancellations showing year are very rare and worth a good premium.

Steamboat or railway cancellations are exceedingly rare.

Pairs and strips of three of types II and IV unperforated are not rare, and but for the fact that many have been separated by those who do not care to collect pairs, would be quite common. In type III of the perforated variety, pairs and strips of three are not worth much more than three singles.

Pairs showing combinations of the different types are rarities, and are worth seeking and treasuring. Some day these combinations in pairs will be worth a big premium over the others.

An interesting side line in this issue is the trial printings. The specialist might collect the vignette, vignette and inscription, the frame, and both die and plate proofs of the final plate. This gives the collector a complete pictorial history of the stamp from the beginning of the engraving to the stamp ready for use.

A check list containing all of the varieties, shades, cancellations, etc., would require too much space. Suffice to say an earnest student will collect at least one stamp of type I, type two in all its varieties, cancellations and shades mentioned above, one each of type III and type IIIa, type IV in shades, as well as pairs and strips of types II and IV.

The shifted die of type II should be obtained before it becomes one of the extreme rarities.

If possible to obtain it, at least add a pair showing combination of type II and IV, the commonest to be had.

To which may be added the proofs on India paper and card-board.

As this issue is found with double perforation both vertically and horizontally these may be added.

It might be well to use the perforation gauge carefully on the perforated variety. They are found perforated 15 and 15½ to 10 mm. Whether the difference will ever be recognized or not I will not say. I think it good policy to make the distinction, and trust to the future for recompense. Remember that the cataloguer was 55 years in recognizing the so-called two types of the 10 cent green of this same issue.

For the collector of ordinary financial means, I suggest the following check-list:

1 CENT BLUE—UNPERFORATED.

Type I.—Full scrolls.
  Intermediate; scrolls worn.
Type II.
  Shades, cancellations, top outer line.
  Shifted Die.
  Watermarked paper.
  Pair type II and III, in combination.
  Pair type II and IV, in combination.
Type III.—Bottom and top lines broken.
  Either bottom or top line broken, other full.
  Type IIIa.
Type IV.
  Shades and cancellations.
  Single showing type IV at top; type II at bottom.
  Single showing type IV at bottom; type II at top.
Horizontal pairs of each types II and IV, not in combination.
Horizontal strips of types II and IV.
Vertical pairs and strips, of each type.
Trial printings.
Die proof.
Proof on India paper.
Card board proof.
Types II and IV on cover.

1 CENT BLUE—PERFORATED.

Use the same scheme of check list, adding to shades of type III. Omit proofs, of course.
Perforate 15½ all around.
Perforate 15 all around.
Perforate 15 vertically, 15½ horizontally.
Perforate 15½ all around.
Perforate 15 horizontally, 15½ vertically.
Double perforate vertical.
Double perforate horizontal.

(To be continued.)

5,000 RARE COINS STOLEN.

Theft of Collection From Glen Island Museum Valued at $250,000 Discovered.

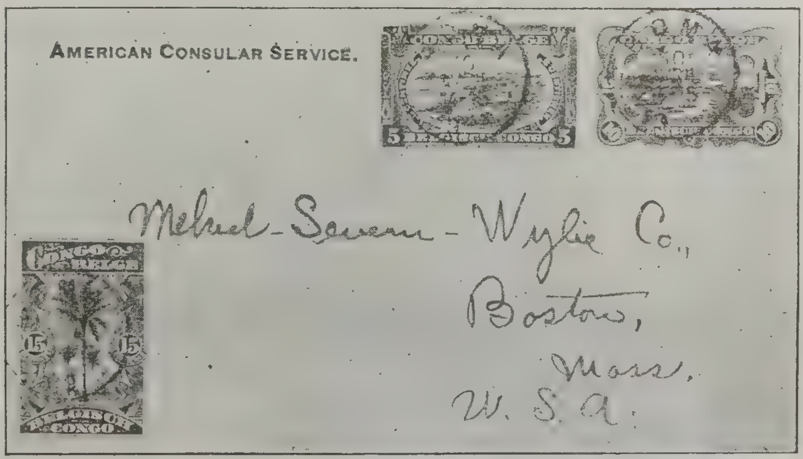
(Clipping from HUGO KUENSTLER.)

Discovery was made recently that a collection of more than 5,000 rare coins, valued at about $250,000 was stolen last winter from the museum on Glen Island, the summer resort. The collection was owned by the Glen Island Realty Development Company of No. 477 Broome street, and was made by John H. Starin and his heirs. The thieves took every coin and left no clue to their identity.

The robbery was reported to the Manhattan Police Department, which also was supplied with a list and description of the coins. Scotland Yard, the Berlin and Paris police and owners of pawn shops and police chiefs in the principal cities will be asked to keep a close lookout for the pieces.

Prince Henry of Prussia, who saw the coins, offered a large price for the lot, but his offer was refused. E. H. Harriman, George B. Widener and other wealthy numismatists also tried to buy it.

When workmen opened the museum for the annual summer cleaning they found the thieves made a clean sweep of the collection. The last time the coins were seen was on December 21, 1911, when the owners took an inventory of the collection with the intention of placing it in the Equitable safe deposit vaults. The coins were collected in all parts of the world, and it took three generations of the Starin family to get them together. They are of gold, silver, copper, bronze, nickel and other metals. Several of them were coined in 1300, and the last one placed in the museum is dated 1902.



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EDITORIAL.

Again—A really prominent member of the American Philatelic Society writes to us: "I am enclosing a clipping which I commend to your consideration. Take up the proposition and view it from all the angles which your long service in the society and manifold experiences with other organizations would suggest and tell us in the WEEKLY whether or no you think the proposition is a good one. There is no interest in our annual elections and why? Because there are not candidates enough in the field." In the preceding number we had something to say on the subject that has been referred to by our correspondent and we shall attempt to amplify the opinion that was expressed on the question of one term for president. We believe that political activity in the American Philatelic Society should be encouraged and that any plan that accomplishes this end so long as it is a just measure is to be commended. A fault of a set rule is that in case of expediency or emergency it may not be set aside; and there are times when it is advisable that a president succeed himself. A year is not always a period long enough in which to execute an important project. A great president is an asset that should not be relinquished easily and it is our belief that the idea of one term should be the spirit rather than the regulation of the members.

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Candidates are Scarce—As the situation now is there is no conclusive reason why there should not be more than one candidate for the office of president in the American Philatelic Society. It is true that the strength of the present incumbent is such as to make it equivalent to a sacrifice on the part of other aspirants to enter the contest as no doubt the reserve strength of the forces advocating the re-election of President Cornwall would invite rivalry; and it looks as if the restraint on the part of others is a consequence of the realization of Mr. Cornwall's position. Yet Mr. Cornwall himself would not frown on rival candidates; he has said that he respected the rights of others to enter the lists. Consequently, the question resolves itself: Has Mr. Cornwall's strength checked the aspirations of others for the office or is there a lack of interest on the part of members generally in the affairs of the society?

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Up and Down—A society has its ebb and flow and by comparison usually there are periods of depression as well as elevation. A time of relaxation is apt to follow one of marked activity. Those who have studied the tastes and whims of the public—and to some extent the officers of a society bear the same relation to the members—know that a high pressure of interest is to be maintained only by ceaseless action and even manipulation; and when the changes embody the idea of novelty, the results are the happier. Sometimes men of straw are actually made so that entertainment may be afforded by knocking them down but, of course, chicanery of this sort has no place in the society of a standing of the American Philatelic Society. The officers must be tacticians as well as executives; and their interest and enthusiasm, if genuine, are likely to kindle that of the members. Of course, it is not easy to originate new methods and new diversions and amusements; the demand for features is greater than the supply but the members of the directorate of the American Philatelic Society should strive to lead the members into paths of industry made pleasant, by intently studying the conditions as applying to the membership. The convention should be the clearing-house for ideas of the subject.

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It Is Well—We have been made aware that there is strong support of *Everybody's Philatelist* for the official journalship of the American Philatelic Society, notwithstanding that this excellent monthly is handicapped so far as the needs of the members of A. P. S. are concerned by reason that it is not a weekly and that it is removed from central postal conveniences. Our choice of the *Philadelphia Stamp News* was presented with the idea of not reflecting in any way against the chances of the monthly in question. Some of the members requested that the WEEKLY submit a bid for the privilege and we were on the point of doing so, regarding the matter wholly as one of business and charging a moderate rate each column of society matter. However, the tender was not made as we can realize how many members might not see the advantage of paying for the WEEKLY'S services when another paper makes no charge. We think that the time will come when the society will prefer to do its business with the official journal on a basis of this kind.

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Morocco Joins—A question that often was asked by the outsider when viewing the album of the stamp collector, was: Let me see some stamps from Morocco. When told that Morocco as a nation had no postage stamps, the inquisitor wished to know why and the explanation of the collector usually was only partially satisfying. Now Morocco is to have a national set of stamps, the sultan having granted his permission, and as may be anticipated the stamps will show among other detail a mosque with minaret, as being grateful to the eyes of the faithful. Greenland now is the only country of familiar and fascinating name that has no stamps. It may be added that the values of the Morocco stamps will be expressed in mouzana and we trust that the philatelic jokesmiths will not too cruelly crowd us with the gleeful announcement that mazuma would have been more appropriate.

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The 5 and 10 Cent 1847—The following news despatch was sent to the newspapers recently; and quite generally was published: "A record price for the 5 and 10 cent 1847 issue of United States stamps is shown in the summaries of an auction sale of rare postage stamps. An unsevered, uncanceled block of six of the 5 cent brown variety and a similar block of six of the much rarer 10 cent black variety, went for $815." The Chicago *Post* deemed the information of sufficient importance to moralize on it editorially, as follows:

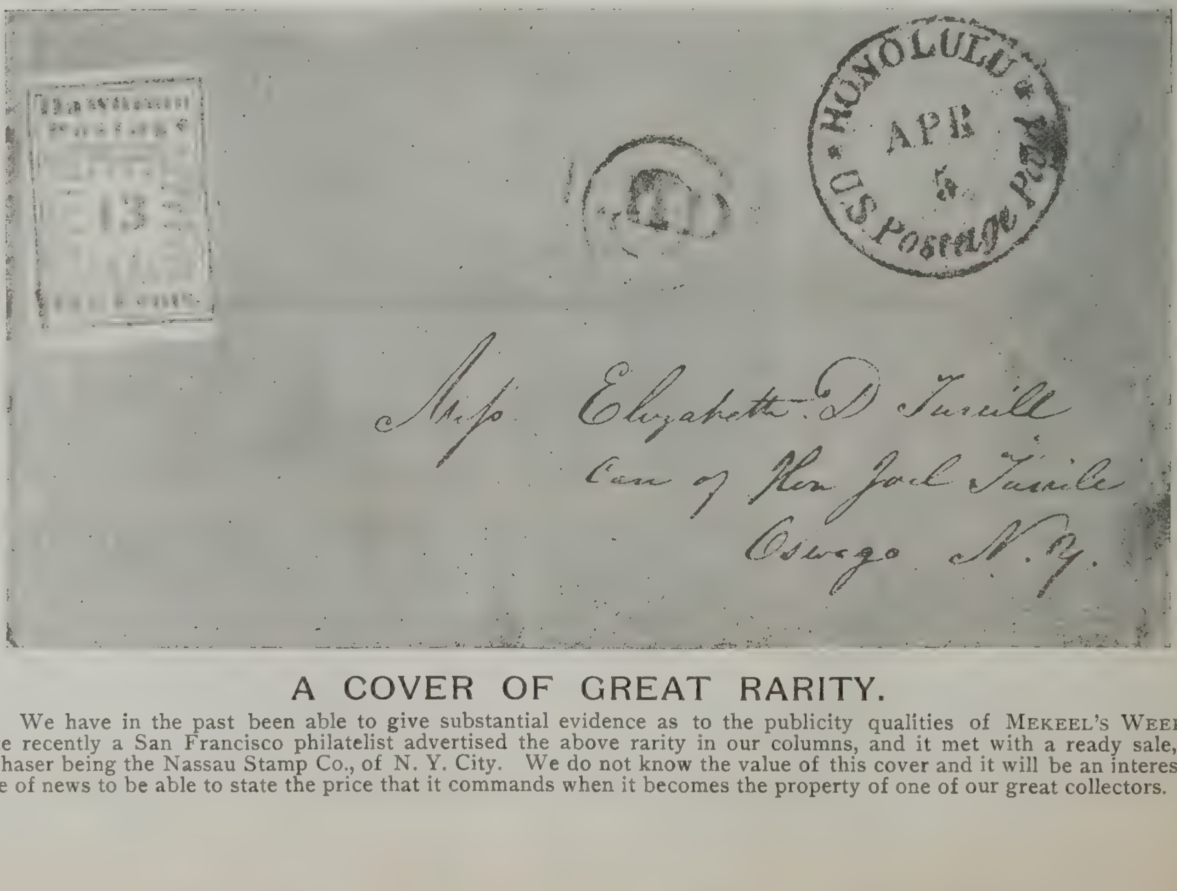
"At a recent auction sale of stamps an ambitious price, $815, was paid for the United States five and ten cent issues of 1847. They were said to have been bought for a rich Philadelphian, the owner of one of the world's finest collections.

The episode recalls the days of short-trousered boyhood, when birds' eggs and butterflies were summertime passions in the country and stamps a winter diversion in the city. The boy whose father had to do with foreign correspondence in a business house was envied. The rare issues of the prosaic revenue department did not appeal, and neither did many of our potal stamps because of their rather dull appearance.

But what delight was there in the hues and the eagles of Russia and Prussia! It was like looking at the flags of all nations among the last pages of the dictionary.

Many a stampbook has disintegrated and passed with the broken eggs and the faded butterflies. Making a science of a youngster's whim is worthy enough, but even in youth we never would have longed for the five and ten cent issues of 1847."

Of course, all this is better than nothing, even though the purity of the writer's philatelic instinct may be held up to suspicion; and we are afraid that he was a collector of stamps by proxy, else how would he, a brazen newspaper man of all things, make the statement: "Making a science of a youngster's whim is worthy enough, but even in youth we never would have longed for the five and ten cent issues of 1847."



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We have in the past been able to give substantial evidence as to the publicity qualities of MEKEEL'S WEEKLY. Quite recently a San Francisco philatelist advertised the above rarity in our columns, and it met with a ready sale, the purchaser being the Nassau Stamp Co., of N. Y. City. We do not know the value of this cover and it will be an interesting piece of news to be able to state the price that it commands when it becomes the property of one of our great collectors.

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THE CUBAN INVERTS.

By A. B. FRAWLEY.

So many versions have been expounded as to the origin of Cuban 1910 inverts, some going as far as to say that they were ordered by Cuban Postoffice officials, that it may interest your readers to know what I have found out on my visit to Havana; which information, as far as I am aware, seems to be true.

Three sheets came out of the 1c with center inverted, and these fell into the hands of three different postoffice employees. One or two of these parties offered them extensively around some time ago to parties mostly in the States, and to this I attribute the cause of the version that "Cuban inverts were made to order and many existed of them."

Only one sheet to my knowledge came out of the 2c invert, and that was sold for face value to several parties, one of whom I personally know, being aware that he bought 20 copies for 40c, and then exchanged 19 of them at the rate of from $150 to $200 catalogue value for each copy. I have not been able to obtain any of this value, for he had disposed of them before I had a chance to make a deal with him. He is not connected with the Postoffice or in any way a Government official.

At least two sheets came out of the 10c Special invert, one of which was sold to a man in one of the Eastern towns of Cuba at face value; the other or other sheets I do not know to whom they were sold.

My idea of the value of these stamps is that they are selling below their actual worth and this I attribute to the reasons already given. The 1c and special ought to be worth the same, one as the other, and the 2c about three times that value. The French catalogue of Yvert Tellier prices the 1c invert at 250 francs ($50).

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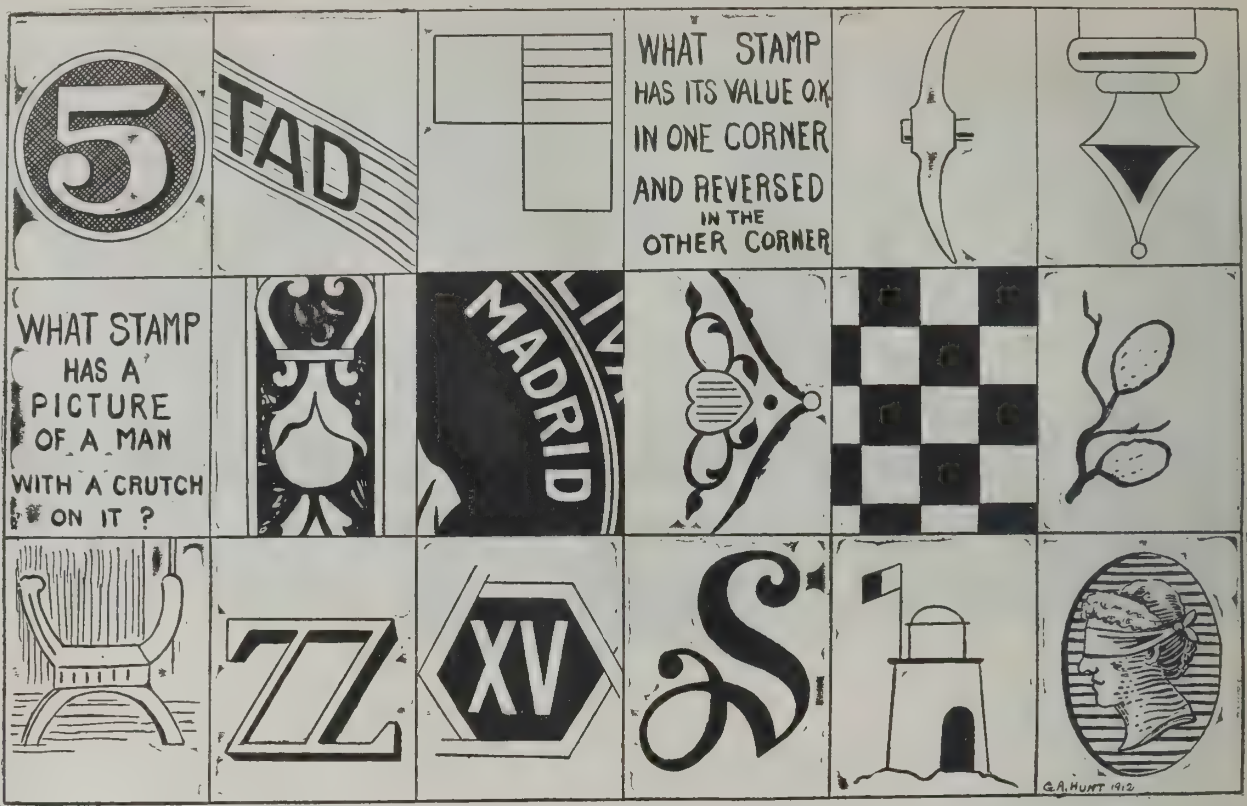
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8. **ROLLIN MORRISON**
9. **L. C. RICHARDSON**

This contest was a remarkable one, from the fact that so many contestants were able to send in good lists of solutions. The contest was launched in our issue of May 25 and the list of answers as given by Mr. Hunt is as follows, reading from left to right commencing with the top row:—(1) Uruguay, type A73; (2) Peru, type A34 or D6; (3) Hawaii, No. 78; (4) Newfoundland A24; (5) Tierra del Fuego, No. 1; (6) Liberia, No. 57; (7) U. S. 50c Columbian; (8) Montenegro, Acknowledgment of Receipt; (9) Bolivar, No. 64-65; (10) Ceylon, 162-163; (11) U. S. 1869, 6c blue; (12) New South Wales, No. 81; (13) Dominican Rep., No. 105; (14) Mexico, No. 248; (15) Thurn and Taxis, 1859 15kr; (16) Salvador, 1895-1902 Postage Due; (17) Uruguay 1866; (18) U. S. No. 313.

Only two contestants were able to send in complete lists and this honor belongs to Frank C. Clark of Medford, Ore., and Thos. M. Riley, Eagle Point, Ore. Mr. Clark's entry is a model of study. Possessing as he does a copy of Burroughs' "Wonderland of Stamps" which was the first prize, we are sending him the second prize, feeling sure that this will be satisfactory to both contestants. While both lists are complete the one prepared by Mr. Clark is more meritorious.

Third honors go to Rev. Homer A. Flint of Montpelier, Vt., who named Roumania 1907, Scott's 267-270, as the solution for No. 7. This does not tally with Mr. Hunt's official set of answers, though we must admit that it is a very fair solution.

Allen H. Blake, M. D., of W. Somerville, Mass., will have fourth honors in the contest. He also named Roumania on No. 7 and failed on No. 4, naming Egypt A1.

The next five contestants all failed on three solutions each, Mr. Payne failing to solve Nos. 3, 14 and 17; Mr. Stockin, Nos. 3, 4 and 14; Mr. Carey, Nos. 4, 14 and 17; Mr. Morrison, Nos. 1, 14 and 18; and Mr. Richardson, Nos. 3, 4 and 14.

Believing that the several contestants will be glad to compare notes with Mr. Clark's verv excellent entry we publish the same herewith and we feel certain that it will be appreciated, especially by those who have participated in the competition. The entry follows:—

Mr. Clark's Entry.

With my microscopic eye I located No. 1 as Uruguay, 1900, 5c dull blue, Scott No. 152 and the left hand numeral. The right hand 5 seems to be slightly different in not having the slight angle to the end of the downstroke immediately above the ball of the 5.

No. 2. Peru. Being the lower part of the wrapped band around the pedestal at the right of the seated figure. This is a feature of the values 1895 issues, and part of 1899 issue and 1902 issue. It is most clearly shown on the latter, 22c green. Scott No. 164.

No. 3. Hawaiian Islands. 1894, 12k blue, Scott's No. 78, and is the corner ornament on the lower left corner. Some class to this flag.

No. 4. Well, well, well. Who would think it? In this late day, too. New Foundland, 1897, 1c green Scott's No. 61. The figure to the left upper corner being correct and to the right reversed. Now we may excuse the chap from Antioqua, who places all four figures 1 reversed (Scott's No. 20) but not the man from England. May be too much "old Scotch."

No. 5. Should be an emblem for Ireland, but I found it belonged to Tierra del Fuego and on its only issue. Perhaps it was too suggestive of hard labor, for not more issues.

No. 6 took me to Liberia, 50c, 1897 issue, Scott No. 57, also No. 71 and 286. It is the lower part of the corner ornaments to the scroll containing the words "Republic Liberia."

No. 7. The recall of Columbus has brought even the lame to see this great man. And huddled close to him is perhaps his nephew to assist him in getting around as his crutch is plainly seen under his right arm, even though he is resting on the fence or stone railing. U. S. 50c Columbian, 1893, Scott 240.

There are other unfortunates in stampdom, but using canes. No. 8. Montenegro, Acknowledgment of Receipt stamps, and is most clearly shown on Scott's No. 95, while it is similar on No. 96, 97, and is the side ornament to the left. Perhaps it is exactly the same on the right side, though not having the stamp for an exact comparison, will be guided by the illustration in Scotts which shows leaves over the fruit on the left side but not on the right side. These ornaments are the vertical drops from the arched label which extends from side to side above the head.

No. 9. Sounds like Spain, but it isn't. Colombia Rep. Bolivar 1903 1 Peso, orange and also grey green, sewing machine perf, and also same value imperf. Scott Nos. 64, 65, 74, 5, 6 & 7. Being the name of Fernandez Madrid. The name Madrid being to the right of the bust, just within the two circular lines and the State name just without.

No. 10. Ceylon. 1900 issue. Scott Nos. 161 and 162, and is the right side triangular scroll at the center of the stamp's border. Similar but reversed on the left side.

No. 11. Checkmate! Or are we playing checkers? Well here we are, U. S. 6c blue, 1869, and is the blocked background surrounding the head of Washington. I also got warm with Hungary, Newspaper and Oldenburg, but neither are "IT."

No. 12. At first thought it suggested Mexico, but it proved to be another kind. It is Luther Burbank's spineless variety and grows in New South Wales, on the 8p red violet and red lilac stamps of the issue of 1888-89, Scott No. 81, also No. 115. It is on the left side, outside of the oval containing the beautiful bird.

No. 13. Third lap, or third and last round. Might be the pugilist's chair in his corner. I note that it is visitor's chair on the stamp issued by Dominican Republic in 1889-1900, being the 20c value Scott 105, and is at the left of the table at the left side of the stamp. Very quaint.

No. 14. Mexico. 1895 issue, 10c rose lilac, at bottom and the "Z" to the word "DIEZ." Also 256e, and 1897, 278d, 1898, 284 & 293e.

No. 15. Germany, Thurn and Taxis, Southern District, and is the 1859 issue 15kr, value, and the particular one of the illustration is the value just above at to the right of the large figure 1. It is not the labeled value over the large figure 5 as there is a slight difference in the hexagon shaped lines.

No. 16. Salvador. United and confederated states got a good look. Even the Official seal stamps of U. S. The letter S on the seals is very similar but it lacks the curley-ma-cue on the tail. This Salvador breed must be of the French Bull-dog breed. Ever notice one? It is the Salvador postage due issues, 1895 to 1902 inclusive, and is the letter

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No. 17. Up on the mountain top, looking out to sea, down in Uruguay can be found this choice bit of architecture. It is on the early issues of 1866, and very clearly defined on the 10c and 5c values. Scott Nos. 31 & 30, being the right upper quarter of the central oval. It is also indicated on the other values, 15c and 20c, and quite small in size on the 1c. In the later issues I notice that the wind has changed as the flag is being blown to the right.

No. 18. I am taking a long chance on this one but I remember once seeing it on the $5.00 U. S. stamp. The only way I can locate it would be by this reasoning, that I have the $1.00 and $2.00 issues of 1894, and 95, and the dies show the same border. Therefore, I will have to state that it must be the 1903 issue, Scott 313 and is the figure on the right side.

We feel it a duty and a pleasure to record the work done by some of the other contestants.

All but four correct:—F. C. DePuy; R. H. Mason; Edw. Howard; A. P. Morehouse; Chas. B. Ryan and O. H. Hilding.

All but five correct:—S. W. Shepard; B. M. Randall; Fred A. Homer; Dr. K. A. Helgeson; W. P. Craig and T. Russell Hungerford.

All but six correct:—M. Barasz; Alfred M. Ferguson; M. H. Harris.

All but seven correct:—James J. Pendergast; M. W. Turner; Foster A. Tillotson; and Rev. L. R. Benson.

Other entries were received from Mrs. E. C. Story, Harry Caden, Alfred F. Sandoz; Carl Hempel, M. C. Wallace and P. D. Buck.

The prizes will be awarded in due season. In the case of catalogs they must needs be forwarded by the publishers. King's will not be ready until October. We shall have a similar contest in the early part of September.

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The revised list of members has been sent to all members. Space is left at the bottom for each member to add the names of new members as they appear.

S. M. EDWARDS, Sec.
ARGUSVILLE, N. D., June 29, 1912.

CHRONICLE OF NEW ISSUES AND VARIETIES

Edited by HENRY A. KIDDER.

Any information regarding new issues will be gratefully received and acknowledged. Address HENRY A. KIDDER, 17 Addison St., Arlington, Mass. Letters calling for a reply should contain a self-addressed, stamped envelope. We cannot give applicants the addresses of our correspondents. Correspondence regarding precancelled stamps must be sent to FRANK B. ELDREDGE, Attleboro, Mass., when due credit will be given in this department.

UNITED STATES.—H. H. Hamed evidently overlooked the chronicle of the higher values of the current set, with portrait of Franklin, in No. 1104, as he kindly sends us information regarding the new stamps.

F. B. Eldredge has shown us a 1c wrapper of the current issue, 1907 watermark, of a very peculiar appearance. The color is a pale yellow green, and the whole stamp is vertically lined, the very fine lines extending through the frame as well as the background around the portrait.

F. B. Eldredge reports the following new precancels since last report:

St. Louis, Mo., 2c 1912, inverted; type V.
Riverton, N. J., 3c 1910, normal; type I.
Scranton, Pa., 1c 1912, normal; type II.
Cleveland, Ohio, 1c 1912,normal, double; type IV.
Cleveland, Ohio, 1c 1912, inverted; type IV.
Yonkers, N. Y., 2c 1912, normal; type V.
Chicago, Ill., 2c 1912 inverted; type V.
Chicago, Ill., inverted; type V; no lower line.
Boston, Mass., 2c 1912, inverted; type V.
Providence R. I., 3c 1910, normal; type V.
Chicago, Ill., 10c 1912, inverted; type V.
Boston, Mass., 2c 1912, normal; type V.
Providence, R. I., 1c 1912, inverted; type V.
Litchfield, Mich., 1c 1912, normal; type I.
Providence, R. I., 1c 1912, inverted; type IV.
Cincinnati, Ohio, 1c 1912, normal; type VI.
St. Louis, Mo., 1c 1912, inverted; type II.

BERMUDA.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us the ¼d value in the ship or "Hog Money" type. Our readers will note the error made in No. 1119.

Adhesive.

¼d brown.

CHINESE REPUBLIC.—We are indebted to Theodore Siddall for specimens of the 1, 3, 10 and 20c of the surcharged issue. These stamps have however already been chronicled in this column.

COOK ISLANDS.—The New England Stamp Co. has shown us the ½d value, perforated 14, instead of 11 as formerly. The paper is watermarked Star NZ, placed normally, so that parts of two watermarks are on many of the stamps.

GILBERT & ELLICE ISLANDS.—The New England Stamp Co., Whitfield King & Co., and A. C. Roessler have shown us the three values of the King George set chronicled in No. 1115, on the authority of *Lemaire's Journal.* The colors were correctly stated.

NORWAY.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us the 15, 20 and 25 ore values of the current set in a redrawn type. The chief differences are in the inscriptions in the band surrounding the central oval, the new type showing more white, the letters and figures being strengthened and widened. There are also other minor differences, which can be discovered with a good glass and considerable patience. Can it be possible that these are Scott's re-engraved stamps, chronicled under date of "1910"?

Adhesives.

Redrawn type.

15 ore brown.
20 ore deep ultramarine.
25 ore red violet.

PORTUGAL.—Whitfield King & Co. send us the new value in the "Ceres" set.

Adhesive.

7½c bistre brown.

SEYCHELLES.—In No. 1115 we noted the issues of two values of the new set, with portrait of King George. The chronicle was made on the authority of one of our foreign contemporaries, the color of the 2c being given as brown and green. The New England Stamp Co. has now shown us this stamp, and we find that it is neither brown as then stated, nor the red brown or chestnut of the King Edward 2c value, but the orange brown of the 1900 issue.

Adhesive.

2c orange brown and green.

SIERRA LEONE.—An error was made last week in stating that the 3d value had been issued on chalky paper, an error which we are now able to correct through having been shown a copy by the New England Stamp Co. There has been something of a mixup between this stamp and the 10c value of Straits Settlements, the latter having been issued on chalky paper, where formerly it was on ordinary paper, while the 3d of Sierra Leone has been issued on ordinary, where formerly it was on chalky paper.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.—The New New England Stamp Co. has shown us the new 8d and 1sh stamps, previously chronicled. The varieties of watermark were correctly stated last week, the 8d being on paper watermarked Crown and double lined A, while the 1sh value is on paper watermarked Crown and single lined A.

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THE BEGINNERS' GUIDE.

HOW POSTAGE STAMPS ARE MADE.
(*Continued.*)

We now have to consider another process of engraving—a process by means of which more stamps have been produced than any other and the method which is now most generally used. This is known as surface-printing or typography and it is just the reverse of line-engraving for in engraving the dies, the lines of the design are made to appear in relief, or *épargne* as it is called. From this die or matrix as many impressions as are required to compose a plate are taken in gutta percha, lead, papier maché, or other suitable material. These blocks or moulds have the design in recess and would be of no use for printing from. They are, therefore, clamped together in a "forme" in the exact manner in which the stamps will show on the finished sheets and by means of a galvanic bath a thin film of copper or steel is deposited evenly over the surface of the whole forme. This film receives a backing of type metal and forms the printing plate, the method of printing being similar to that employed in printing newspapers, circulars, books, etc., from ordinary printer's type. The plates, of course, vary in size and arrangement. Sometimes there is only one entire "cast" for the plate or it may be there are two, four, or more which are clamped together (generally with a space between) to form the plate. When there is more than one cast the resulting divisions on the printed sheets of stamps are known as "panes."

It will be understood from the foregoing that in both the line-engraved and surface-printing processes a die has to be engraved first of all. When, however, there are several values in a set all of similar design and only differing in the denotation of value one original die or matrix serves for all. This die has the scrolls or tablets for the values blank. From this original as many replicas are made as there are to be values in the set and these "secondary" dies are then engraved with the necessary particulars and serve as the dies from which the plates are made. Or it may happen, as in the case of the 1891, 1893 and 1896 issues for Hayti, that from the original die with blank tablets a plate of the desired size is made and casts from this are taken for as many different denominations as are required. These plates are completed by the engraving of the different numerals of value.

Stamps produced by both typography and line-engraving are frequently printed in two colors. This means that separate dies and plates are necessary for each of the two colors and also two printings. In the case of bi-colored stamps printed by typography one plate often serves for the production of the main portion of the design for all the values in a set. This plate is known as a "head-plate." As many other plates—called "duty-plates"—have to be made as there are different denominations in the set.

In the case of certain British Colonial stamps the same head-plate serves for the stamps of several different colonies. These "general" plates are used in the printing establishment of Messrs. De La Rue & Co. and their use by the smaller colonies materially reduces the cost of printing their different supplies of postage stamps. All they have to provide are the duty-plates and in many cases the same duty-plates have been used (by Seychelles for instance) for the stamps showing the portraits of Queen Victoria and King Edward VII and will doubtless be used again in connection with the new King George V stamps.

(*To be continued.*)

SHORT REPLIES.

R. H. J. (Hitchcock, Tex.).—The 1k, 2k and 3k stamps of the 1891 stamps of Finland can be at once distinguished from the same values of the 1890 set of Russia by the small circular ornaments on the background at each side of the central device. (2) You will find a description of batonne paper in a recent number of the WEEKLY. (3) The stamp you describe is a private local of Germany of no value at all.

B. B. (Woodsfield).—I cannot undertake to answer purely geographical queries in this column. Look it up in an atlas.

H. S. C. (New York City).—Your question relating to album arrangement would require considerable space for a proper answer but as the matter is of general interest I will try and find room for an article on this subect in an early issue of the WEEKLY.

S. M. R. (Fayettesville).—The reason so many sets of Nicaragua, Salvador, etc. are quoted in the catalogues unused at so much below their normal facial value is because these issues (known as " Seebecks") were supplied gratuitously by the manufacturers on condition that a new set of stamps was issued annually and that the remainders should be returned to the printers for disposal as they wished. In other countries large lots of remainders sold at much below face value may result in the same thing. (2) The Shanghai stamps are included in the catalogue for a variety of reasons. They were the first postage stamps issued in the Chinese empire and their use was not, I believe, solely confined to the town of Shanghai. They were issued for legitimate postal purposes and on the score of age alone are worthy of catalogue rank. The Chefoo, etc., labels were practically all made for sale to stamp collectors and few were bona fide used even in the localities issuing them.

VAN DIEMEN'S LAND.

By FRED J. MELVILLE.

Tasmania, or, as it was styled on the early stamps, Van Diemen's Land, is one of the Australasian Colonies in whose stamps the collector can make a good show, and in which some of the rarer varieties are to be had for the searching. The first stamps, engraved by Mr. C. W. Coard, and printed at the offices of the *Hobart Courier* in 1853, provide the advanced collector with an opportunity for reconstructing the sheets printed from three different plates. The twenty-four stamps on each plate were separately engraved by hand, and consequently show those differences in detail which appeal to the trained philatelic eye. There was only one plate made for the 1d stamp, but there were two for the 4d, the precise order of which is debatable, but the one generally considered to be the first appears to be better engraved than the second, and possibly the "finely engraved" (plate 1) and the "coarse lines" (plate 2) of the catalogue descriptions may be accounted for by the expenditure of but 25s per head (£30 in all) on the engraving of the second plate, as against 30s per head (£36 in all) on the first.

The "plating" or "reconstruction" of such stamps is in the nature of a luxury, as fine copies used are difficult to obtain, and unused ones are very scarce indeed. Unused, the 1d blue is catalogued £20, used £4; and there are few collectors who have the opportunity for obtaining the material to rearrange the stamps in the order of the original plate. Nevertheless, the plating of these first Tasmanian 1d and 4d stamps is in a large measure responsible for their scarcity in the market. There is a rare variety of the 4d (the red-orange shade) printed on a slightly ribbed paper, and copies of plate 2 are known on laid paper, though these latter may possibly be proof impressions.

A 6d stamp, which it had been intended to issue along with the 1d and 4d, was never printed, though one of the copper plates of the 4d bore traces on the back of an incomplete series of engravings, which were probably intended to form the plate of the proposed higher value. Before the locally engraved stamps were actually issued, the authorities were negotiating for a series of stamps to be engraved and printed in London by the same printers as were then printing the English stamps, Messrs. Perkins, Bacon, and Co. This firm produced the next Tasmanian issue of 1855, consisting of three denominations, 1d, 2d, and 4d, printed on paper watermarked "large star," the old name of "Van Diemen's Land" being still retained. The design is the beautiful and familiar Chalon portrait of Queen Victoria, engraved by William Humphrys from a drawing in water-colours by Edward Henry Corbould, R. I., after the mezzotint by Samuel Cousins, R. A.

Collectors would have been saved some of the complications of the early Tasmanian stamps had Messrs. Perkins, Bacon, and Co. not sent out the plates along with their first printings of the stamps to the Colony. The printers packed and despatched the steel plates in error, the mistake being attributable to the heavy and growing demand at that period, both by the home and the Colonial Governments for stamps, the great majority of which were then engraved and printed by this one firm. When the three plates were received in the Colony, they were handed over to Messrs. H. and C. Best, of the *Courier*, who printed the next supply of stamps from the London plates, but on paper which was without the star watermark.

Subsequently, in 1857, Messrs. Perkins, Bacon, and Co. engraved two stamps of the values of sixpence and one shilling, utilising the same portrait as before; but the design of the frame was quite different from that of the other denominations, being octagonal in shape. The inscriptions in large letters were "Tasmania"—the new name of the colony—above and "Sixpence" or "One Shilling" below. As the Tasmanian Government found it possible to have the stamps printed in the colony, the instructions to Messrs, Perkins, Bacon, and Co. were to print a supply of the new stamps, and send with them the plates and all necessary materials; and these were duly carried out, the consignment arriving early in January, 1858.

Later Messrs. Best (and subsequently their successors and other firms) printed the stamps on paper watermarked with double-lined numerals, corresponding with the face-value of the stamp. This plan of watermarking with figures, having reference to the denomination, has always led to errors in postage-stamp printing, and in due course (about 1869) the 1d carmine was printed on paper intended for the 2d stamp. Thus we get a penny stamp with the watermark of the twopence, in itself a rare stamp, but indicating that a corresponding error should exist of the 2d stamp with the watermark of the one penny. The known error is one of the perforated stamps of the London design, but locally printed and locally perforated. From 1857 to 1870 we get a great range of separation varieties, including a roulette measuring approximately 8½ cuts to the space of two centimetres, several variations of oblique roulette, pin-perforation, serrated perforation, and the ordinary kind of perforation.

In 1870, Tasmania began to use surface-printed stamps, getting the designs for them engraved by Messrs. De La Rue and Co., of London, but for the most part printing the stamps in the colony on paper which was at first "borrowed" from New South Wales. Later the special paper watermarked "Tas" was introduced. The surface-printed stamps, though not so interesting to the collector as their predecessors, include some rarities, the more noteworthy of which are the error of the "halfpenny" surcharge of 1889-1891, which error occurred in the second printing, and was promptly corrected; the double surcharge of the 2½d on 9d stamp (one of the overprints being inverted), of which there is supposed to have been only one sheet; and the 1s rose and green, perforated eleven, printed on the paper watermarked "V" over a crown.

In 1900, Tasmania issued its handsome pictorial stamps giving a series of views of the colony. They mark the colony's first experiments in utilising its postage labels as a means of advertising the scenic beauties of the island. The scenes are all duly labelled on the stamps. Finally, it may be mentioned that Tasmania used these stamps and certain of the Queen Victoria designs throughout the late reign; and it is, therefore, one of the few important parts of the British Empire which never gave us a portrait of King Edward upon its adhesive postage stamps.—*London Telegraph.*

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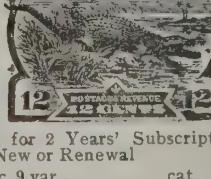

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The Doctor's Claims.—Can it be that there are among the newer collectors those who knew not Joseph—or Jacques Amable Legrand? As to that I need pass no opinion, but methinks many of us may have long since forgotten wherein lay the great doctor's chiefest claims to philatelic distinction. Two score years and more have passed since the invention of the Odontometer, an instrument as indispensible to the philatelist as the thermometer must have been to Dr. Legrand in his profession of medicine. Have we forgotten that Dr. Legrand gave us, and so far as the French language is concerned, christened both the science and its chiefest instrument?

Longevity of Philatelic Pioneers.—There may be some credit due to the pleasures of philately that Dr. Legrand lived to the venerable age of ninety-two; I need but recall the names of Judge Philbrick, so lately taken from us, Dr. Viner, Moëns, Maury, Berger-Levrault, and many others as instances of longevity among the pioneers of philately. It is not easy to comprehend that he who has just been taken from us was a grown youth of twenty when the Penny Black came into being, and had taken his degree in medicine before the fall of Louis Philippe gave the new Government in his native country an opportunity for adopting amongst other reforms the system of the postage stamp. By the time philately was fairly started on its history—in 1862—Dr. Legrand was in his forty-second year.

Dr. Legrand's Chief Aims.—As it was in the beginning of our hobby, so it is to-day, the boy is father to the man. Dr. Legrand's eldest son, a lad of nine, brought home from school a little accumulation of stamps of several foreign countries, and the father raked out his old correspondence to add to the store of specimens. The younger Legrand's enthusiasm was fugitive, but it served to establish a perennial interest in the father, who thenceforth embarked on the unremitting labour of love in which his principal objects for the remainder of his life have fairly been summed up as

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The Study of Watermarks.—I have before me the work which brought “Dr. Magnus” into the active circle of philatelic writers. It is an “Essai sur les filigranes et les papiers employés a la fabrication des timbres-poste,” written for *Le Timbrophile* in 1865. At that time collectors distinguished between varieties of color, absence, presence or even mode of perforation (*i. e.,* perforated or rouletted), and in the texture and colours of paper, but watermarks, though recognized as existing in many of the known stamps (principally of Great Britain and the Colonies at that period) were not studied or regarded in their possible relation to varying issues. Dr. Magnus, however, justly claimed that in this lengthy essay “we have demonstrated the interest and importance of this kind of study. At the present time every amateur seriously desirous of forming a complete collec-

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tion, cannot dispense with the notice of watermarks, the character of which will so often establish a difference between two stamps apparently identical."

The Slackers of the 'Sixties.—There were "simple lifers," or perhaps they were merely "slackers," in those days, and in introducing the watermark as "encore une subtilite" to the notice of enthusiasts in philatelic study Dr. Magnus alluded to the questions of the school which was later to be championed by the Pendragonites. "Another nicety! Is it not sufficient to distinguish perforated from unperforated stamps; the use of the *roulette* from that of the machine; small dentelations from large ones, &c. ?"

The "Phsiognomy" of a Stamp.—A year later Dr. Magnus, this time through the columns of M. Moëns' paper, *Le Timbre-Poste,* carried philately into deeper minutiæ by his important monograph on perforations. "Dentelés et non dentelés" were distinctions already recognised but not everywhere welcomed, but Dr. Magnus made a powerful appeal for the importance of the perforation in his claim that this process completes the "physiognomy" of a stamp. "What," he asks, "would you think of a naturalist who, in describing an animal, neglected to mention the presence or absence of hairs on the skin, and their nature?" His analogy might have been worthy of Dr. Gray, the eminent zoologist and stamp-collector of the British Museum, who, bringing his zoological training to bear on his descriptions of stamps, gave more attention to minute (not necessarily minor) details than to more prominent distinctions of colour.

The Invention of the Odontometer.—The first Odontometer was printed in illustration of his reasoned and scientific paper under the title of "Dentelés et non dentelés" in the forty-sixth number of *Le Timbre-Poste* (October, 1886) and gave a series of gauges ranging from that of the Susse machine (7) to that of the first perforated stamps of Great Britain (16). Here, too, "Dr. Magnus" laid down the first basis of the terminology of perforations. Dentelés, he submitted, should be a generic term for stamps perforated or rouletted, and its use should not be taken as specifying any specific mode of separation, whereas he applied "timbres *piqués*" to what we now call perforated (*i. e.,* where the "pins" punch out confetti) and "timbres percés" (where the pins or roulette cuts merely pierce but do not remove the paper).

The Measuring of Perforations.—In that pioneer paper on perforations the methodical doctor lays down once and for all the method of counting perforations. It is of no use counting the number of teeth on the several sides of each independent stamp, as he instances how variable these would be. So to establish a means whereby we can tell one another in exact terms the gauge of any perforations he laid down the convenient standard of a space of two centimetres, and the number of teeth or holes falling within that space, during nearly fifty years has been the index by which we know the perforations of our treasures.

An Invention Pro Bono Publico.—The Odontometer was a tentative name with which Dr. Magnus christened his *échelle,* but although many millions of this convenient device have been sold by dealers and stationers I wot not that the great doctor personally received one sou for his ingenious invention. Indeed from the outset he gave a table of stamps of known perforations from which his readers could prick out their own odontometers. The question of who was the first to print the Odontometer, or Perforation Gauge, as a commercial philatelic accessory I leave to the sages of the Philatelic Literature Society.

The Writings of "Dr. Magnus."—Dr. Legrand's pen, once it had set out to maintain and justify the science of the *observateurs francais* never seemed to rest. He was probably as prolific in his writings as the ubiquitous and delightful Mons. Hanciau, though his writings appeared in the periodical press and but few were separately published. Those few are, however, constant companions of the student of to-day. The paper on watermarks was reprinted in 1867, as also were his papers on the stamps of Moldavia and Roumania in 1869. Up to the period of the Franco-Prussian war, when M. Berger-Levrault and many of Dr. Legrand's Parisian contemporaries had little opportunity for the peaceful pursuit of the postage stamp, the Doctor wrote extensively for M. Mahé's journal, *Le Timbrophile.* In 1872 he started and edited the *Gazette des Timbres,* which was almost entirely written by him. From the beginning of 1874 to 1878 he was editor of *Le Timbre-Fiscal,* issued by M. Moens, of Brussels, as a companion journal to *Le Timbre-Poste.* In 1878 his "Les ecritures et la légende des timbres du Japon" was published in Moëns' "Bibliotheque Timbrologique." But the two most used works in booklet form were "Alphabets et chiffres orientaux" (1893) and the "Manuel de l'amateur de timbres" (1894).

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The Collection of Fiscals.—Alas! for his fidelity to *fiscal* stamps; when they were sold a few years back, they did not bring much grist to the aged doctor's mill. No definite sum is known as having been paid for them; indeed, the collection was divided up into several parts, the traffic in fiscals probably not being sufficient for any one firm to undertake the whole of his vast accumulation. But, however deficient in investment value, I doubt not the doctor reaped much joy in the collecting of them. In his declining years he started a collection of philatelic literature, and it is very probable that he still retained from his early days some of the now rare early catalogues and other works of the first period of philately. This seems the more likely as he lived at Neuilly since 1848, when he began to practice there as a physician.

A Loss to the Exhibition.—Dr. Legrand, as one of the few remaining stamp collectors of the first period, would doubtless have adorned the Jubilee Committee of Honour of the forthcoming International Stamp Exhibition. This Committee, which was to be a connecting chain between philately in 1862 and 1912, thus loses an important link in the nonagenarian doctor who was for fifty years a philatelist.—*Postage Stamp.*

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WHAT IS THE MATTER?

> **"And here we may say in all candor that we fear a mistake was made in taking the organship away from the Boston weekly."—Editor Quackenbush.**

We do not need to answer in detail the article that we reprint from *Redfield's Weekly,* nor rehash the particulars of the contest in which the WEEKLY so prominently figured. Mr. Quachenbush is grieviously in error in maintaining that the A. P. S., or any other society, can permanently prosper on a diet of fight. It may add fire to the annual convention, but its reflex influence will spell discord.

Moreover the "fighting spirit" of the managing editor cannot be broken in any contest where a moral principle is at stake. He is always willing to abide by the will of the majority where the issue is one merely of business policy.

All three owners of the WEEKLY are loyal members of the A. P. S. and they had a right to resent the shameful treatment accorded them at the Chicago convention, where though the mail vote had declared emphatically in favor of the WEEKLY for official journal the convention decided that while the WEEKLY *was the* official journal any other paper might have the privilege of publishing the official matter by meeting certain conditions. Thus the statutes of the society were nullified, not amended, nor even suspended but nullified by a convention vote upheld by leading members who passively permitted this great injustice to be done us. We rebelled in good plain English and our correspondence with Messrs. Mudge and Cornwall is ample evidence that we could not be bull-dozed in addition to being unjustly treated.

In conclusion, permit us to state that it could not reasonably be expected that during the past year the same publicity could be given the A. P. S. as we had previously given it. Mr. Severn, editorially and the managing editor in the news department have been ready to serve the society as opportunity presented. If Gen. Apathy is in the saddle so far as A. P. S. matters are concerned certain members may well look back of the present twelve months in order to locate the trouble. Here is Mr. Quackenbush's article:

"What, in the name of all that is great and good, is the matter with the A. P. S.? The thing is going beyond a joke. The question is really becoming a serious one. In a philatelic experience of considerably over twenty years, we never recall a time in which the A. P. S. seemed so completely out of the public eye as in this present year of grace.

There have been times in the past when the A. P. S. was at pretty low ebb—when its membership was not half what it is at the present time. But even in those dark days, there was apparently a much livelier and more widespread interest in its welfare than there is to-day. There seems no enthusiasm or interest anywhere in the approaching convention—not even, sad to say, in Springfield itself. Our esteemed contemporary, the *Philadelphia Stamp News,* recently commented rather strongly on this phase of the situation, but not any more strongly than the case deserves. We are puzzled and amazed at the implicable lethargy of Springfield. Here is a city philatelically famous from one end of the continent to the other as a hotbed of philatelic earnestness and enthusiasm, and yet at this late date it has not, apparently, so much as thought of appointing a press committee to boom the convention in public print. We cannot help contrasting this unfavorably with the activity displayed by other branches in charge of other conventions of recent years—notably, the Columbus, Philadelphia, and Detroit branches in 1908, 1909 and 1910 respectively. For months beforehand, thanks to the activities of the committees in charge, the philatelic press was filled with matter booming the coming conventions. Everybody reading any stamp papers at all was perforce obliged to notice the coming affairs, and however little he may have been interested in the A. P. S before, to realize in his heart that this must, indeed, be a great and influential organization. The only chance of really stirring up great interest in the A. P. S. seems to be in the three or four months preceding the annual convention. There is, of course, all through the year a deep, steady, abiding interest in the affairs of the organization on the part of a small minority of its membership. But the great mass of its membership takes during the greater part of the year but a mild interest in its affairs. Such part of them as do not participate in the Sales Department (and we presume that the users of the Sales Department amount to not over twenty-five per cent. of the entire membership) have the Society's existence but faintly and occasionally called to their notice. We, therefore, regard it as especially deplorable that so little is being made of the convention this year. The fault does not alone lie at the door of our Springfield friends. They are simply, we presume, affected by the general lethargy resulting from there being nothing in particular to fight over at this year's convention. No one cares a rap about the convention because there is no difference of opinion as to leaders or issues, and because the meeting promises on that account, to be about as exciting as an old ladies' tea party. It is a great pity that the leaders of the A. P. S. have been lulled into such a complete state of concord and harmony. If there was a prospect of a good, lively, old-fashioned scrimmage at the convention, everybody would prick up their ears and a good many would pack their grips for Springfield that will not do so otherwise. We are inclined to believe that the Society lost a great deal when it broke the fighting spirit of Mr. Willard O. Wylie and his Boston confreres. What lovely tilts the East and the West used to have in Mr. Wylie's militant days. With what eagerness and zest people looked forward to the conventions then. We ourselves have felt lost and out of our element since our olden adversary laid down his arms. We cannot very easily get into an altercation with the mild and gentle Mann; though we may be driven to attempt even that if this spell of deadly stagnation continues another year. But Mr. Wylie was a foeman worthy of our steel; and we hugely enjoyed the two or three years of running combat for the A. P. S. organship, which finally terminated in the victory of a newly entered dark horse and in Mr. Wylie's throwing up the sponge in great disgust. What a battle royal it was the year of the Atlantic City convention; how the whole Society took sides and felt a live, active eager interest in the election and convention.

Alas, those days seem to be gone. There is not this year the feeblest ghost of a contest. The Presidency is to go by default to the present incumbent. An attempt to stir up a contest for the Secretaryship has failed dismally, by reason of unfamiliarity with the constitution on the part of those who sought to set up an opposition candidate to Mr. Ault. There is no contest over the official organship, for our Boston contemporary, after making a bid, changed its mind and withdrew from the race. And here we may say in all candor that we fear a mistake was made in taking the organship away from the Boston weekly. Mr. Mann has given the Society good service, but it would be idle to pretend that his journal has by any means the circulation or prestige of the Boston weekly, which, had it retained the organship would doubtless have continued to push forward the Society to the full extent of its power. Mr. Mann would in any case, official organ or no official organ, have done his whole duty to the Society. So, we think we need scarcely say, would *Redfield's Weekly.* But so would not, and has not, our Boston contemporary. It might have been well to placate it by handing back the official organship but, now that it has withdrawn from the field, that is, of course, impossible.

We hope by next year the Society will be able to develop some sort of good healthy schism, to make things exciting. We fear it is too near the eleventh hour to "start anything" this year. If we had a philatelic Roosevelt or a philatelic Bryan in our ranks something might yet be done."

NEWS GLEANINGS.

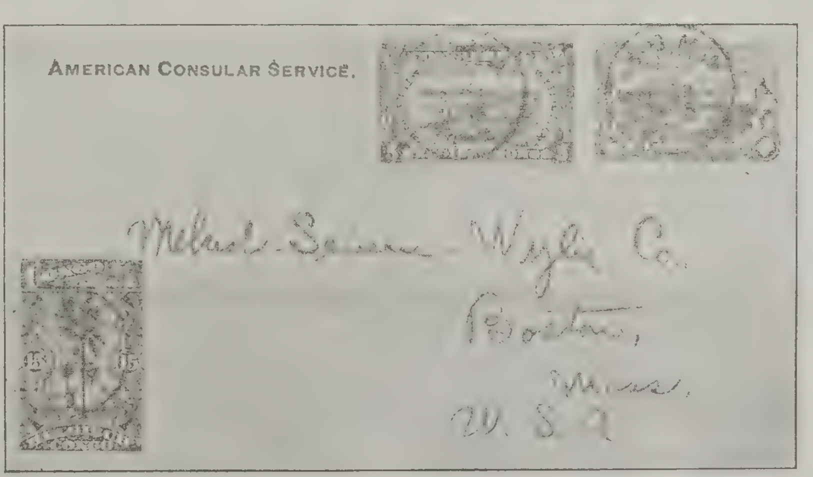
Under this heading we desire to publish all the news from the various philatelic centers. Correspondents' names will be given unless prohibited as we desire to give full credit for services rendered.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from Geo. E. Lobdell (2); J. Doemich.

—Frank E. Goodwin, whose articles on U. S. stamps in the WEEKLY are receiving much favorable comment, has purchased several collections and stamp stocks and is preparing to do an extensive business from Webster Groves, Mo. Mr. Goodwin has purchased the collections of Theodore Fairchild, Minneapolis, Minn., and Andrew Caudell, Portland, Ore. The latter is a fine specialized collection of U. S. adhesives. Mr. Goodwin wishes to express his thanks to our readers who have favored him with stamps and offers of others but it has been impossible for him to reply to all letters he has received.

A STAR SECRETARY.

At the last meeting of the St. Louis Stamp Collectors' Society, the office of Secretary and Treasurer was declared vacant by unanimous vote, whereupon Frank E. Goodwin, 804½ Pine Street, St. Louis, Mo., was named to serve until the next election of officers. All communications will have due attention from Mr. Goodwin, who, we may add by way of digression, has enjoyed a high reputation through his enlightening studies of United States stamps; and his celebrity is becoming the greater through his present series in the WEEKLY.



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EDITORIAL.

Protest—From Mr. Willard B. Savary, Somerville, Mass., we have received a letter as follows: "Being a constant and deeply interested reader of the WEEKLY, I would appreciate an opportunity to learn, either personally, or through the columns of your valuable paper, your views regarding the reprinting of stamps from the original plates by private parties, as in the case of those of the Transvaal, recently noted in the *Philatelic Gazette*. It is my opinion that, whatever may be the object, the reprinting of stamps by private parties is a menace to philately and all the noteworthy philatelic societies should co-operate in the prevention of the practice by all powers within their means. Etc. ." The original plates of any stamp issue in the hands of a private person are a demoralizing factor on philately, actual or anticipatory, in so far as the issues of the countries involved are concerned. The possessor of an original plate of a country, even that no longer has a national identity, or whose government has been changed, is an irregularity that disturbs philatelic equity by giving into undeserving hands an instrument to be used only in a public sense. It is wholly unfair that all philately should be at the mercy of the unofficial owner of the original plate. Moreover, any country whose stamps have been cheapened by any such reprinting suffers through the existence of such conditions. Heligoland has lost its interest and freshness for the average collector by the reprintings of Mr. Goldner, who acquired the plates of the schilling values. The Otto reprints of the first republic Transvaal stamps have complicated the collecting of the stamps of a country teeming with interest, to the extent that many an every-day collector says that a plague be on all these stamps. An original plate in the hands of anyone except the established and reputable engraving firm or the government itself is sadly out of place; and then the circumstances may not be above suspicion. The dies and plates of a stamp issue should be destroyed when the stamps are retired and made obsolete; and if this was a requirement observed universally, an added feeling of safety would be felt by collectors. The question is one that properly could be considered by societies that should institute steps to preserve the sanctity of the original die and plate.

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Involved—Some time ago, the presence on the market of parcels of Transvaal stamps, including the V. R. I. and E. R. I. surcharges at prices under face was commented upon but the reassuring effect of the following letter lulled inquirers into a sense of what may prove to be false security. "London, January 23rd, 1912. With reference to your letter of the 15th December addressed to the Crown Agents, of which a copy has been forwarded to this office, I am directed to state that all the issues of stamps of the late British Colonies of South Africa are still current and it is not understood how any unused specimens of these issues can be offering for sale at less than their face value." Writing from the Transvaal, under date of May 21st, 1912, a correspondent of the *Philatelic Gazette* says that the "former contractors for the printing of the old Transvaal stamps, Messrs. Enchede & Sons, of Haarlem, Holland, to reprint huge quantities of the issues of 1885, 1894, 1895, 1896" had been corrupted by a large firm of stamp dealers in Paris. These reprinted stamps have been sold as genuine remainders, it is averred; and it is charged that they have been "used" with fraudulent postmarks and that the surcharges for the 1885 issue have been forged. The V. R. I. and E. R. I. surcharges have been included in the lot, it is said, and here is where the case becomes somewhat mysterious. In the letter from the secretary of the London office of the Union of South Africa that we have quoted in part there was a statement that we now add and it was to the effect that the office that he represented would be pleased to take necessary measures should it be shown that any unapproved methods entered into the merchandizing of the stamps. If as is said, "all the issues of stamps of the late British Colonies of South Africa are still current" it would seem to be a very serious matter for the purveyors of unauthorized V. R. I. and E. R. I. surcharges to handle what may be termed current postal certificates. It is possible, of course, that "all the issues" mean only those on from the permanent 1902 set, in the estimation of the authorities.

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Given the Go-By—Mr. A. W. Dunning in an interesting letter comments on Mr. Poole's article on the Philippine Islands local stamps of 1898-99 and points out that from the context, it might be understood that the revolutionary stamps were included in the supplement containing U. S. and Chinese locals issued by the catalogue publishers as an addendum to the Scott catalogue, when such is not the case. Mr. Dunning resumes: "For reasons best known to themselves, the publishers of the Standard Catalogue have consistently refused to follow the example of Yvert-Tellier's and Senf's catalogues in listing these stamps, in spite of the convincing evidence that has been published of their legitimate issue and use." The files of the WEEKLY will show that this paper was the first to cite a case of legitimate postal use of one of the Aguinaldo stamps, as they were popularly called, and thus prove the philatelic value of the stamps; and we have had the cataloguer's reasons for not recognizing these locals. As we remember, the publishers feel that they are conserving philately best by adopting a policy of repression within reasonable bounds; and in consequence, they are more exacting than before in the requirements of a stamp for admission. The instability of the insurrecto government and its lack of a permanent base were counts against the stamps, we believe. However, it would be a graceful move to include the stamps in question in the local supplement and this could be done with clear conscience as stamps that a dozen years ago every collector had in quantities could scarcely have been issued primarily for speculative purposes. Indeed, there seemed to be a marked absence of speculative taint in the handling of these issues.

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Early Cancellation—Mr. Wm. L. Stevenson whose studies of early United States cancellations have merited much praise calls attention to an imperforate pair of the 1851 one-cent canceled "twice with the U. S. Mail-City Delivery, with Paid above and outside the circle and differing from the most I have seen in that it has a large 2, where the large 1 is usually shown." Mr. Stevenson assumes naturally that the existence of such a cancellation stamp would indicate that there was some use for it but he is puzzled to understand just what payment it represented, unless it should have been a prepayment of the drop letter fee and the delivery charge combined. He adds: "Postage stamps so canceled would seem to me to take on a new status and become carrier stamps, especially as they apparently represent a prepayment rather than a fee collected on delivery. They scarcely would seem to be cancellations simply."

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A FIND OF SIDNEY VIEWS.

During a lifelong acquaintanceship with these interesting stamps it has been our fortune to have recorded many a lucky discovery, but we think that the *comble de bonheur* has been now attained in this direction. This remarkable find consists of no less than nineteen specimens, in brilliant unused condition, of the 3d Sydney. They consist of 1 block of 13 in two vertical rows of 5 and one of 3, being the right-hand portion of the sheet, with full side margin, a vertical pair completing the forenamed row of 3, and a vertical strip of 4 from the left-hand of the sheet. The plate of 25 varieties is thus complete except Nos. 1, 2, 7, 12, 17, and 22. These stamps, judging by their fine condition, with full gum, must have been carefully preserved, possibly between the leaves of a book. We are glad to think that they will remain in this country, having been purchased by one of our foremost collectors, Mr. H. J. Duveen. There can be no doubt that this is the finest philatelic block in the world as regards Australian stamps, and it is doubtful if it is surpassed in philatelic or intrinsic value by any known specimens of any country.—*London Philatelist.*

SPECIALIZED UNITED STATES.

It is not given to any one man to know everything. This is true of stamp collecting and particularly true in the study of United States stamps. As the series of articles written by Mr. Goodwin appears in the WEEKLY we shall be glad to hear from any of our readers who desire to add additional information or who may possibly desire to correct any inaccuracy that might occur. It is the desire of all concerned to have this work on "Specialized United States" authoritative.

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SPECIALIZED UNITED STATES.

By FRANK E. GOODWIN.

CHAPTER III.

Three Cent, Issue 1851-1860.

Approved by Congress, March 3, 1851.
Issued, unperforated, July 1, 1851.
Printed by Toppan, Carpenter, Casilear & Co., Phila., New York, Boston & Cincinnati.
Number of plates, 28.
Stamps delivered to post office department, June 30, 1851, to July 6, 1855, 185,371,800.
No record of balance.

SAME ISSUE PERFORATED.

Issued, perforated, February 24, 1857.
Number printed, not known—no record kept.

The collector of United States stamps can make as much, or as little, as he pleases of the three cent, first issue. If he is diffident, and holds close to the catalog, or the printed album, he will have a collection of three types and five shades. On the other hand if the collector loves the study of stamps this issue (the commonest and cheapest of the unperforated stamps) with its two perforated varieties, possess possibilities of research which are almost unlimited.

The remarks made in the last chapter about classing the unperforated and perforated stamps as one issue, apply to this denomination, as well as to the entire series.

The student of stamps will first be struck with the multitude of shades found in all varieties. In color they range from a very light rose to a deep black. But it is certain that the stamps were never printed in the darker colors, they being the result of oxidizing, or chemical changes, and usually a bath of peroxide of hydrogen will restore these discolored stamps to their original color.

Mr. Luff, in his admirable book on the stamps of United States designates the colors as:

Unperforated—red, pale orange red, dark orange red, brown red, pale rose red, rose red, dark rose red, lilac rose, lake, rosy lake, Indian red.

Perforate—type I—pale rose red, red, rose lake, lake, dull red, Indian red.

Perforate—type II—pale rose red, rose red, rosy lake, lake, orange red, red, brown red.

Surely here is enough shades and colors to employ the specialist for a long time, and certainly sufficient to thoroughly confuse any but a man with a strong understanding of colors. Personally I would not attempt to designate the different shades by their color name, but would,—unless so situated that I could compare stamp by stamp the shades with a collector who knew his colors to be correct,—use my own best judgment as to shading, beginning either with the darkest or the lightest shade obtainable, shade up or down to the other extreme.

Attention should be given to the different printings of the unperforated, and perforated, varieties. The first printings show every detail of the engraving, especially in the groundwork surrounding the face, and the profile itself. The color is invariably dark, sometimes almost brilliant, dark rose. The second printing is lighter in shade and less distinct in printing.

Collectors who desire to be certain of their printings and shades, can secure a sample of each from a dealer in specialized stamps, at a very small outlay.

Specialists are paying considerable attention to the different kinds of cancellations. Pen struck, black, blue, red, and green colors are collected, and rank in that order in commonness.

Carrier, railroad, steamship, paid and U. S. Mail cancellations are rather scarce, and seem to be worthy of collection. Cancellations showing date of year are very rare and should be worth a good premium.

Pairs, strips and blocks of four should be collected by all means.

There are numberless line varieties of this issue, and a collection can be made quite formidable if the collector will study the almost limitless varieties of the issue. I do not think that many collectors will ever succeed in plating any number of rows of the stamp, owing to the fact that there were 28 plates employed in the printing, and varieties are found in some which do not occur in others. Some of the stamps can be placed according to row and plate, by certain characteristics. This will be made a feature of an additional chapter when the regular series on specialism is ended.

There are at least three varieties of shifted die (double strike). These may be located by a line of color running through the words "U. S. Postage" or "Three Cents." The latter is found in two varieties. The most common shows the dot of the left rosette duplicated directly over the true dot. This I will call Type A. The second variety has the dot to the right of the true dot, Type B. The shift at the top of stamp I will call Type C.

I believe the so-called watermark exists only in the unperforated variety. By some it is said to have been a mark placed in the paper by the manufacturer to identify his paper in case other should be substituted. Whether that be so or not one cares little. It is a true watermark, however. It is found in both the first and second printings of the unperforated stamps. The color of the first is a handsome shade of dark orange, while the second printing has a coppery look. The printings are quite unlike the others without the watermark, in color.

Type 1, of the perforated variety (the outer line), is hard to find well centered. Pairs are scarce. Unused are very rare. Only a novice would accept a cleaned specimen, for they are easily recognized—the acid of the cleaner leaving the design with a blurred and washed out appearance.

Type 2 is not rare in either pairs, strips, or even in blocks of four. My advice to collectors would be to examine every pair or strip for minor line varieties. If there is a difference showing under the glass it can be taken with safety of its being a most collectible addition.

I have in my collection a block of 30, 6x5, with marginal paper bottom and left. Unfortunately there is no plate number or imprint. This block is double perforated horizontally, the perforations not being exactly true in line with each other—being farther apart at left than at right.

Like the one cent of this issue the three cent is found in different perforated combinations. The most common is perforated 15 on all sides. The next is 15 at sides, 15½ top and bottom. The next rarest type of perforation is 15½ at sides and 15 at top and bottom. The rarest of all is perforated 15½ all around.

Both type I and type II are found in all of these perforation combinations.

These are known to be imperforate both horizontally and vertically. As abnormal margins are found a part perforated stamp should not be accepted singly—but if found in unsevered pairs are a rarity much to be prized.

The perforate type II is occasionally found in close lined laid paper, appearing on the reverse to be almost a "ribbed" variety. This is a desirable rarity.

Stamps showing margins of sheet, corner margins, imprint and center guide line are worthy of a place in the album.

The following check list will prove a fair guide to the collectible sub-varieties and stamps with minor differences. For a deeper study of the line varieties I refer the reader to Tiffany's history of the United States stamps; Dr. Chase's book on plating the 3 cent 1851; his chapters upon the same subject in the *Philatelic Gazette*, and my own study in line varieties in MEKEEL'S WEEKLY STAMP NEWS of April 13, 1912.

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  - Shades.
  - Line varieties.
  - Canellations.
  - Unused copy.
  - Horizontal pair.
  - Vertical pair.
  - Strip of three.
  - Shifted die—Types A, B, C.
  - Watermarked paper.
  - Top, bottom, both side, margins.
  - Middle stamps showing guide line

ENGRAVERS' IMPRINT—PERFORATED.

- Type I.
  - Shades.
  - Cancellations.
  - Unused copy.
  - Pair.
  - Perforated 15½ all around.
  - Perforated 15 all around.
  - Perforated 15½ sides, 15 top and bottom.
  - Perforated 15½ top and bottom, 15 sides.
- Type II.
  - Shades.
  - Line varieties.
  - Cancellations.
  - Unused in single, pairs, strips and blocks of four.
  - Used pairs, strips, block.
  - Top, bottom, both sides, margins.
  - Middle stamps showing guide lines.
  - Close line laid paper.
  - Perforated 15½ all around.
  - Perforated 15 all around.
  - Perforated 15½ sides, 15 top and bottom.
  - Perforated 15½ top and bottom, 15 sides.

(To be continued.)

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BOSNIA.—The New England Stamp Co. has now shown us the three new values of the Jubilee issue, chronicled in No. 1123, on the authority of *Ewen's Weekly*. The new designs show scenes in the country, highly picturesque and admirably drawn and printed. We are not yet able to put a title under the various pictures. These three new stamps are without the dates of the Birthday issue, and revert to the original type of 1906. The colors are such to bring out the full beauty of the engraving though the colors of the two higher values are slightly different from those given in *Ewen's Weekly*.

Adhesives.

12h ultramarine.
60h slate blue.
72h deep carmine.

CHINA.—The *Philatelic Journal of Great Britain* has received the following interesting letter from Lt.-Col. Norris-Newman, dated Tientsin, April 9, 1912:

"The first lot of Chinese stamps to be surcharged were done in Shanghai, and sent to Foochow (and perhaps other southern treaty ports) surcharged in red horizontally with 4 characters meaning "Provisional neutrality." There were only 3 cents, 1, 2, and $5, as far as I can ascertain, and were only on sale and issued on Feb. 7th, 8th and 9th, being then recalled and sent back to Shanghai. Of these I have a few used 3 cents and one each of the others.

The second lot were surcharged in Nanking, but as the U. S. Consul there, Mr. T. Gracey, practically cornered the market, getting 1379 out of the total of 1839 issued, and has left with them for the United States, on leave, I have not either seen one or been able to get one. They run from ½ cent to $5 all values.

Another lot is surcharged with characters in red and in black, vertically, reading "Chinese Republic" and were done by the Statistical Department of the Chinese Maritime Customs, Shanghai, and sent out to all the big offices; but so far they have only reached me from Hankow, as the orders are to use up the present ordinary stock before putting the others in circulation. Here in Tientsin, I have seen the surcharged stock, but can get none at present. There seem to be a few varieties and reversed and double surcharges, of which I have a few from Hankow, and, naturally, shall look out for them when issued here."

ECUADOR.—Two new provisionals have appeared from Ecuador, specimens having been shown us by the New England Stamp Co. The one sucre and two sucres Consular stamps have been surcharged so with new values in such a way as to make them available for postal use. The overprint is the same on both, with the exception of the change in values, that on the 1s reading "Postal—Un—Cent." and that on the 2s reading, "Postal—Dos—Cents." Both are in black.

Provisional Adhesives.

On Consular stamps, undated.
"Un Cntv." on 1s green.
"Dos Cents." on 2s carmine.

GAMBIA.—The Postmaster at Bathurst has issued a notice to the effect that the new stamps, with portrait of King George will be issued Sept. 1, and that the King Edward stamps remaining in stock on that date will be destroyed, says *Ewen's Weekly*.

A. C. Roessler sends us the official notice from the General Post Office, noted above, regarding the issue of the King George stamps, and the destruction of the King Edward remainders.

GILBERT & ELLICE ISLANDS.—W. H. Peckitt has shown us the three values of the King George set, chronicled some time since.

SIERRA LEONE.—We are indebted to A. C. Roessler for a copy of the new 1d stamp, with portrait of King George. The design is the new Colonial key plate, the portrait being in an octagon frame, with "Postage" at the left, and "& Revenue" at the right.

Adhesive.

1d carmine.

SOUTH AFRICAN UNION.—*South Africa* states: "We understand that in connection with the tenders recently called for by the Union Government for a supply of postage and revenue stamps and stamp stationery of the Union, the tenders of Messrs. De la Rue & Co., who have for a great number of years past contracted for all the stamps in the South African Colonies, has been accepted. The stamps will be printed by the surface plate process similar to existing postage and revenue stamps with the exception of the 2½d stamp issued in October, 1910 (the only stamps which have been up to the present printed specifically for the Union). The values of the new stamps will range from ½d to £50. The stamps will not be available for issue for at least another 12 months."

SPANISH GUINEA.—*Champion's Bulletin* notes the issue of the remainder of the 1909 set, overprinted "Guinea—1911," in an oval frame. Champion gives the date of the issue used for surcharging as "1900," evidently a misprint for "1909."

Adhesives.

25c dull blue; red surcharge.
30c chocolate; blue surcharge.
40c lake; blue surcharge.
50c dark violet; surcharge (?).
1p blue green; red surcharge.
4p orange; violet surcharge.
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PARCEL-POST CONVENTION BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND PANAMA.

Office of Second Asst. P. M. Gen.,
WASHINGTON, July 5, 1912.

A Parcel-Post Convention having been concluded between the United States and Panama, to take effect August 1, 1912, parcel-post packages for destinations in the Republic of Panama will be admitted on and after that date to the mails for Panama made up in and dispatched from this country.

Parcel-post packages exchanged between the United States and Panama must not weigh more than eleven (11) pounds (or 5 kilograms) nor measure more than three (3) feet six (6) inches in length and six (6) feet in length and girth combined.

Postage must be paid in full at the following rates, viz:

In the United States, on parcels for Panama, 12 cents for each pound or fraction of a pound; in Panama, on parcels for the United States, .12 of a balboa for each pound or fraction of a pound.

Parcel-post packages for Panama may be registered.

The Parcel-Post Regulations on pages 144 to 149 of the Postal Guide for July, 1912, apply to parcel-post packages for or from Panama.

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CIVIL WAR ENVELOPES.

By J. H. FOUNTAIN.

(This interesting article appeared in the *Collectors Journal* of Chicago, Ill., one of our brightest and best monthly papers. The article was illustrated as is shown by the references to the designs pictured.—ED.)

Everyone today knows what a picture post card is. Do you know that the original of them was issued about fifty years ago, but that in those days the "picture" was on the front side of envelopes instead of on cards? This was nearly ten years before postal cards were issued. The majority of them were wood cuts and the coloring crude. They did not have photography to give the endless variety we have today, but there were quite a good many even then.

From the best information I can pick up there must have been over 3,000 varieties. My own collection has some 2,000 and from many "sets" not being complete and others I have heard of I think there must have been at least 50 per cent. more than I own.

The largest collection I have ever heard of is that of Robert P. King of Erie, Pa., who has 2,500. Then R. F. Chambers, Providence, R. I., had 1,800 the last time I heard from him and J. P. Kelley, Concord, N. H., has 1,500. Half a dozen others of from 200 to 1,000 are all the rest with whom I have exchanged, or that I know of as having any.

I have my collection in eight volumes made to hold about 350 envelopes in each, put in with hinges three to a page. They are sorted to some extent for convenience of reference and preventing duplicates.

Volume one starts out with Zouaves bearing a flag (in colors, red, white and blue) near a sign post marked "To Richmond"—"Washington via Baltimore"—"Remember Ellsworth," "Victory," etc. Then follow soldiers with flags, camp scenes, on guard, sailors nailing a flag to the mast head (illustrated) etc. Women with liberty caps (illustrated), flags, guarded by eagles, cannon, etc., with various inscriptions—"Liberty and Union," "For Union" and as one honestly says, "I am for union TO A MAN!" One "If I cannot fight, I can feed those who do" (illustrated), shows a girl mixing bread, while another is at a wash tub and a third says, "I'll go myself and nurse the sick."

Volumes two and three are caricatures of the time—everything you can imagine. Gen. Scott as a big dog guarding a roast of beef labeled "Washington" asking a small dog named "Jeff" "why he don't come and take it?" I have fifteen different varieties on this subject.

Then there are "contraband" over 60 kinds (illustrated). Over two dozen represent "John Bull" and the cotton industry, cannon balls, bombs, bullets, etc., are labeled "Lincoln Pills" and "Pills sure to cure rebellion." "Fate of Traitors" represented by a gallows and generally "Jeff" hanging thereon, is shown in over forty styles.

Volume four has thirty varieties of southern shipping—Jeff's Navy—and as many suggested designs for confederate coins, currency, bonds, loans, etc., among the many other curious illustrations.

Volume five is a favorite in being full of cuts of Lincoln, Washington, Scott (illustrated), Anderson, McCellan, Douglass, from a dozen to twenty of each with from one to half a dozen of lots of other generals and prominent men and over thirty of Ellsworth showing him being shot and Brownell killing his murderer, etc.

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Volume seven is the quaint one of the lot having bird's-eye views of Fredericksburg, Newport News, Yorktown, Washington and of Alexandria, whose funny little colored homes look like a child's Noah's Ark of wooden play houses. There are also lots of "views" of battles, naval expeditions, etc., and a half a dozen varieties of coats of arms of the states from half a dozen to complete sets of the thirty-five states, with one or two sets of the "confederate states," "We are seven," etc.

The last volume has envelopes that were directed, stamped and passed through the post office, both union and confederate, with Northern and Southern stamps as well as no stamps but *"due"* or *"paid"* on them. In this volume are fifty kinds of C. S. A. flags; cuts of Jefferson Davis—also envelopes, home-made from writing paper and from cheap wrapping paper, and to finish this volume are forty varieties of Cuban-Spanish war envelopes.

Nearly all the old ones—except part of the caricatures, are in colors and on various colored paper and all sizes of envelopes. One volume of caricatures is arranged to show "The original cause of the Rebellion" (Old Nick), (illustrated), the persuading of the states to "go out," the "longing" for Washington (city), the "advance guard," the "flying artillery"—contrabands. John Bull's interest in cotton, the "results of playing with dangerous weapons," "treason being a hard road to travel," the difficulties of Jeff, Scott's "extinguisher," the gallows, the coffins, tombstones and finally the "warm reception" given on arrival "down below."—*Collectors Journal.*

UNDOOLEY VISITS ENGLAND.

By Charles H. Fowle.

Ballywhackem, County Meath,
Ireland.

My Dear Distant Finn—Whin this raches ye, ye will resave the first news that I am revisiting me childhood's happy home.

I left Chicagy—sorry I cudden't hav' taken it wid me—on April 1, at 2 g. m., by the Wabash to Detroit, where I crossed over into Canady by aid of a ferry-boat an' me extreme nerve.

As no wan knew that me father were a Faynian, I was permitted to pass through His Majesty's territory without a tag.

On the train in Canady I met a very nice-appearing young mon, who told me in confidence that he was wanst a sthamp collector, but had repinted, an' by the aid of kind frends was leading a better life. He said the mere sight of a sthamp giv' him a cold chill.

I always respict a mon who is trying to do right, an' whin he asked me for the loan of a dollar to buy lunch at Niagary, saying he wud run in an' pay me whin next in Chicagy, I giv' him a tin dollar bill to get changed, an' somehow or other the train wint off without him. He has your address; hold the munny for me till I get back.

Niagary is the whole thing, an' I wud advise ye to see it if it is still running whin yez resave this.

It's a contiguous performance, an' they let it run all night.

New York is a great place—for the Irish—an' I wish I cud hav' stayed there a week. I did the town for two days, an' I think if I had stayed wan more I wud not be here writing this.

The trip over was not very exciting. I was say-sick about three-fourths of the way. They told me yez hav' four meals a day, but its not so, Finn; ye ate wan, an' heave up three.

The weather looked about the same as whin I kim over many years ago. It didn't seem as if there was quite as much av it as thin, but av course that was before I saw Lake Michigan.

I hav' bin in Paris—"Gay Paree"—that's English you know, an' "dear old Lunnun;" that's French, me boy, an' in Dublin, which bates thim both; its so American. An' here I am, sitting under the same old tree from which me poor old father used to cut switches whin I wint fishin' instead av to school. Me poor old mother is sthill alive an' sits shmoking her pipe in the dure-way as I write. It wud do yer heart good to see her, an' it wud kill all the microbes at the stockyard to smell the tobaccy she uses. I don't think the pipe has been claned since I left Ireland forty years ago.

I called on siveral sthamp min in Paris. Brissard in the Ruey de Varonney (ruey is Italian for street) is a fine fellow, a true Frinch gintleman, an' I think his folks kim from the nixt parish to ours in County Meath.

Another dealer whose name, at his request, I will not mention, tuk me to a "petite souper." I think that's what he called it, anyway; it's Frinch for a small wee bite with plinty to wash it down. Thin he tuk me 'round to see the town.

Oh, Finn, this town is wide open,
While Chicagy is only ajar;
An' if ye wance kim to this city
Ye'd niver get away very far.

That's poetry, Finn, an' I did it meself whin I was sober. Finn, its lucky ye didn't go to Paris. Shtepping on a live wire aint in it with this town after dark. I'll till ye about it, but if ye read this letther to yer wife skip this part. On second thought I won't write it, so ye needn't skip. I will only say that he tuk me to me hotil afterwards an' tucked me in an' I forgot to git up the nixt day. Its a great city, but I fear it's too rapid for me wild wistern blud. I shall go back before I go home. I thin wint over to London. I felt more at home in London, for they understood part of what I said there.

I tried to see Stanley G. Limited, but they said at the office that there was no such man as Mr. Limited, an' showed me in to Mr. Phillips. It says "Stanley Gibbons Limited" on the paper, but ye mustn't belave all ye read in the papers. Mr. Phillips resaved me very kindly. He does an' enormous business, but tuk time to show me round the building.

I also attinded a meeting of the "London Philatelic Society" an' met some very pleasant min. They giv' me a royal reciption, though the president was unavoidably detained at home whin he heard I was to be prisint. I was introduced to the society by Mr. Percy Bishop—as fine a mon as I met in London.

They were an' intilligent lot av bhoys, but they were lost whin they struck Amerika. Wan big Britisher asked me "if the new bridge was finished between New York and Chicagy?" Another asked "if we caught whales off the lake front." An' wan mon told me he sint some sthamps to a mon in Key West an' wud I mind whin I got back to Chicagy shtepping round there some morn on me way to work an' asking him why he didn't pay for thim or return thim? Said if it was out of me way he wud pay the bus fare.

After the meeting we had a light banquet in me honor, an' I was not ashamed to drink to England an' Amerikay. May nothing ever come between thim but the ocean.

Thin I giv' this wan:

"Here's to the roast beef of old England
And to her foaming beer;
The beer I'll admit is brewed at home,
But the beef is the Texas steer."

That wint down in good shape, so they called on me for another, an' I giv' thim:

"Here's to America an' England,
May their friendship niver stop;
But if it does take a tumble
May old Ireland land on top."

This wint down rather hard, but they swallowed it to be perlite an' thin called on me for a spache. I says: "Gintlemin and Sthamp Collectors—I little thought whin I lift England in the steerage I should return to be resaved by the peerage, though a Chicagy mon is the equal of any mon in the world, if I do say it. If London only had the stockyards on the lake front it wud be the grandest city in the world. I thank you, gintlemin, for this royal reception. You are all royal good fellows, an' I wud make a spache if I knew a blissid thing to say. If any of ye iver come to Chicagy remimber the 'Undooley Company, Unlimited,' gives a free lunch iviry avening an' steamed clams iviry Thursday. Mintion the London Philatelic Society an' the bist the house affords is yures an' welcome. In closing I propose the health of the King, the Queen an' all the royal push."

After a few remarks from others we dissolved.

The nixt day I called on Mr. Ewen, near the Crystal Palace, an' on Mr. Peckitt, at 47 Strand. I visited the Bank of England, where they hav' the rale old stuff, but no samples to giv' away. Took in the parks, British Museum, visited Parliament looked at the Thames, which ain't a bit like the Chicagy River, and, in fact, wandered round an' saw all the sights. Was nearly suffocated by the London fog and swallowed about a ton of soft coal, thin ran over to Ireland for rist an' to breathe the free air of hivin. Air is about the only thing that's free here, even in this land of free trade. I expect to visit the Continent before I return. I may go to see the Suez Canal; perhaps I'll go to Chiny or Japan, but of this there is some doubt. I don't want to walk back, so I won't go too far. I wud like to see the Wonders of the East an' I may do them, if I aint done meself, before I get the chance.

I started a little poem the other day, but hav' not finished it. I sind you the first two verses not for publication, but as a guarantee that I am sthill in me right mind. Here they are:

I'd like to be a Hindu;
And with the Hindustan;
I'd like to be a midnight *son*
In far off Norway land.
I'd like to be a gum arabic
In Araby the blest;
I'd like to be a bloomin' Greek
In Griqualand—West.

If ye can't make sinse of this,, hold till I come an' explain it. Hopin' ye hav' seen the error of yer ways an' wishin' ye manny happy returns of the same. Giv' half to the bhoys. I am yours to command with all the implemints of the season.

Your dear friend,
Undooley, K.B. and T. D. A.

P. S.—All the big bugs here hav' titles an' initials after their names, so I hav' adopted these. No wan knows what they stand for, but in confidence, Finn, it's "Knight Before" an' "The Day After."

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Edited by BERTRAM W. H. POOLE, Box 231, Altadena, Calif.

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BOSTON, MASS., July 15, 1912.

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THE BEGINNERS' GUIDE.

How Postage Stamps Are Made (*Continued*).

We have now described the two chief methods of engraving by means of which (1) most of the earliest stamps were produced, and (2) most of the modern stamps are printed. The main characteristic of the former is that the lines of the design are cut into the plate (in recess), while in the latter the lines of the design are in relief. We now have to consider another important method that has been fairly extensively used in postage stamp production—that of lithography, or printing from the flat and polished surface of a special kind of limestone. Where this method is used the lines of the design are neither in recess nor relief but are quite level with the printing surface of the limestone so that the "flat" appearance generally ascribed to lithographed stamps is perfectly correct.

The fundamental basis of lithography is the well known scientific fact that grease will not combine with water and, as we shall show later, the inks used in drawing or transferring a design or for printing are all of a fatty nature.

The limestone used in lithography has to be close-grained and free from chalk and other impurities and the better sorts all come from German quarries. To lose as little as possible of the valuable surface suitable for printing this limestone is quarried with saws. Before leaving the quarries the stones are roughly finished and on reaching the lithographic establishment each stone is ground and polished, great care being exercised that the undersurface is exactly parallel with the printing surface. If the bottom surface were left uneven the stone would be liable to crack or break under the pressure applied during the process of printing.

When the stone is ready the design may be drawn direct (in which event it has to be drawn in reverse) or it may be drawn on a specially prepared paper from which it is transferred to the surface of the stone. The latter is the method generally used so far as the production of postage stamps is concerned.

The drawing is made with a special ink in which wax and tallow (both greasy or fatty substances) are important constituents. When ready for transferring the paper is wetted and laid face downwards on the surface of the stone and under pressure the drawing is transferred from the paper to the stone.

A sheet of postage stamps consists of a number of identical copies of the same design so that, as a rule, the impressions are not transferred one at a time—a process at once tedious and presenting difficulties in the way of correct alignment—but in strips or groups usually consisting of from four to ten copies. The original design is transferred to the special paper as many times as are necessary to make up the desired group and this group is re-transferred to the stone as many times as are required. The best and most careful work is done when an engraved die is used for reproducing the design. This is inked with the special greasy composition, impressions taken on the transfer paper, and these are then transferred to the stone. Or an impression from an entire engraved plate may be transferred to a stone in the same manner. But whichever of these several methods is employed the results are the same—*i. e.,* a design is transferred to a stone with a greasy ink which sinks into the pores of the stone and is perfectly level with its surface. The ink would spread and spoil the design but for the fact that the stone is at once covered with a dilute gummy solution which fills the pores of the surface untouched by the ink. The superfluous gum is washed off after the amount necessary for stopping the pores has dried in.

When printing commences the surface of the stone is dampened and as water has no affinity with grease the inked portions are not wetted. A greasy ink is used for printing and when the roller is passed over the stone the ink only adheres to the greasy parts of the stone (those covered with the design) and fails to "take" on the wetted parts. A sheet of paper is laid on the stone, pressure applied, and the result is a properly printed sheet of stamps. The surface of the stone is kept uniformly damp during the whole operation of printing.

The chief point to note is that the impression is perfectly flat in which it at once differs from both line-engraving and typography. Those of my readers who have closely followed previous articles of this series will understand that as the ink is forced into the lines of the design on a line-engraved plate the ink in resulting impressions stands up in slight ridges and frequently corresponding depressions can be traced at the backs of the stamps. In typography the lines of the design are forced into the paper (being in relief on the plates) so that typographed stamps can generally be distinguished by the manner in which the impression shows at the back. But in lithography there are no ridges or depressions, the paper being quite smooth and flat on both sides.

Owing to the bulk and weight of the stones used in lithography other bases have been tried with more or less success, such as zinc and aluminium, but as we cannot call to mind any stamps having been printed from these mediums they do not call for further notice.

(*To be continued.*)

THE KINGDOM OF HUNGARY.

By Fred. J. Melville.

It was not until 1871, twenty-one years after Austria had adopted the postage stamp system, that the first separate stamps for letter postage were issued for the Kingdom of Hungary. The sister kingdom had all along been treated by Austria as a province, and it was only after the war with Prussia in 1866 that, faced by the threatened disintegration of the Empire, the separate administration of Hungary was conceded to the Magyars. Ferencz József, to give the aged Emperor his Hungarian name, was crowned King of Hungary at Buda Pesth on June 8, 1867. The Hungarian postal service, with the adoption of the postage stamp system followed. It is noteworthy that the first postal issue of Hungary was then a complete novelty, I refer to the postcard of 1869. It was only in January of that year that Dr. E. Hermann, of the Neustadt Military Academy of Vienna, had proposed the idea of an open card for short messages passing through the post, and, in adopting the scheme, both Austria and Hungary preceded Great Britain in the issue of this form of postal commodity, over which Mr. Gladstone waxed so enthusiastic.

The first adhesive postage stamps of Hungary were issued on May 1, 1871, and bore a laureated profile of the Emperor to the right. In the border is a representation of the national arms. The stamps were at first lithographed, but later on in the same year some of the values were already being printed from recess plates. The lithographed stamps were evidently but a temporary makeshift to serve until the line-engraved plates could be prepared for all the six denominations. We thus get two series of stamps in the same design, one set being the lithographs, which are scarce, and the other being the engraved series, which, excepting some rare shades, are quite easily obtained. Both series were printed on plain white wove paper, and were perforated 9½, but the lithographs can generally be told by their blurred, flat, dull appearance, while the engraved stamps are clear, well-defined, and generally brighter in colour. The engraved stamps were reprinted in 1885, but the reprints differ from the originals in such important details as perforation (gauging 11½ instead of 9½) and paper, which in the reprints is watermarked with the letters "kr" in interlaced ovals.

In 1874 the Emperor's head stamps gave place to a new engraved series bearing the numeral of value imposed upon a drawing of an envelope, with the Hungarian Crown above and the inscription Magyar Kir. Posta (i e., Royal Hungarian Post) below. It used to be thought that the values were printed in separately and that general key plates were used for the design of all the values, but the apparently varying depths of colour in the figures are now attributed to the cutting of the figures deeper into the die than the lines of the surrounding design. In this type the stamps of Hungary remained for many years, there being a considerable range of different perforations, and in 1881 a watermarked paper was introduced; both perforations and watermark serve to complicate the formation of a complete collection of Hungary's stamps. The watermarked paper, the first kind used for the Hungarian issues, shows the letters "kr," the abbreviation for "krajczar," equivalent to the Austrian "kreuzer." These letters are enclosed in interlaced ovals, and only a portion of the complete device can be seen on single specimens.

The design of the stamps just described was not changed for fourteen years, and even the new denominations introducing the next series of 1887 were close copies of the 1874 set, but produced by surface-printing, and having a separately printed background of lines, and separately printed figures of value. Of these several are known with the numeral of value printed twice, viz., the 1, 2, 5, and 8 krajczar, and some with the value entirely omitted. The keen collector will also distinguish between the distinct printings of several values. The black figures of value were normally printed over the fine lines of the background, but in several cases printings were made in a different sequence, the figures being printed before the background instead of after. The high values of the stamps of this set are of peculiarly effective but delicate coloring; the 2 florin stamp being printed in blue and silver (value in black) and the 3 florin in purple-brown and gold (value in red).

The next change was one of watermark, the paper from 1898 being marked with a device representing the crown of St. Stephen, the first King of Hungary. The crown is within interlaced circles, and is repeated throughout the sheet. This watermark, coming into use late in the career of the "envelope" design, overlaps into the next series of stamps, a series brought about by a complete change in currency. From 1900 the currency has been expressed on the stamps in "filler" and "korona." Of these new stamps the lower values show the "Turul" or sacred bird of the Magyars, an emblem which is said to have figured on the shield of Attila the Hun. The korona values depict the present Emperor wearing the Hungarian crown. Key plates were used for printing these stamps, the numeral of value being printed in afterwards. From 1905 the stamps have been printed on paper watermarked with smaller crown devices arranged so that one complete device falls to the lot of each stamp in the sheet.—*London Telegraph.*

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Before taking up the study of the issue of 1861-1868 stamps I beg to disgress somewhat, and discuss a topic foreign to any issue, and yet one which is pertinent to Specializing. The writer has received a considerable number of letters from readers of MEKEEL'S WEEKLY STAMP NEWS asking which is the best way to arrange a specialized collection.

It would require more time than I can afford, to answer each one of these inquirers in detail. Besides, there is no *Best* way that I know of. The collector usually chooses the way which pleases him best, and quite naturally declares that his plan is far ahead of those of his brother collectors. But for the benefit of the younger readers who are not very well advanced in specializing, I will give a description of my albums and how I have mounted the 1851-1860 issue.

It goes without saying that I use blank albums. A specialist can use nothing else. After trying several makes, with more or less disappointment, I had albums made to my order, with pages somewhat smaller than the usual size. They have a very simple lock for the pages, allowing any sheet to be taken out and replaced at will and quicker than it takes to tell it. Every page lies open perfectly flat, with no bulging. A muslin reinforcement to the hinge enables the album to be entirely filled without bulging the pages in any position. Each page is printed with quadrille blocks, six ruled lines to the width of an ordinary stamp. By allowing one line between stamps, a page will hold 30 stamps—5 across and 6 downward. I do not believe in crowding pages to this extent, however.

My albums are made up exactly opposite from a majority of collections. I have adopted the "left-hand" plan, having the page printed face up on the left hand side of the album. My reason for this is that stamps hinged on the right hand side, especially pairs and blocks, are liable to be doubled, creased and broken in turning the pages, as they naturally drop down when the page is turned over. In my method each stamp lies flat when the next page is turned, and if any stamp, or block, should become doubled or disarranged it will be discovered before the next page is turned.

Sheets of onion-skin bond paper have been cut same size as the blank pages, and punched like the others. Facing the page of stamps I write with typewriter a description of the stamps, the lines being opposite those stamps which are described. This saves disfiguration of the pages, and makes additions, or corrections easy without destroying the blank pages.

With this description of the album, I will take up just one denomination to show how an intensive specialist can arrange his stamps for study and comparison. Perhaps my 3 cents 1857-1860 will do as well as any other, although I am rather more proud of my 1 cent same issue, or my 1867 grilled varieties.

First, naturally, I begin with the unperforated. But I complete with the perforated variety before going to the next higher denomination.

The first page contains the trial printings, consisting of vignette, same with inscription, frame added and figures removed.

The India paper and card-board proofs complete the page.

Then I take up the plate varieties, with pairs and strips showing spacing between stamps of ¾ mm., 1 mm., and 1¼ mm.

The next page is devoted to the different printings—the 1st, 2d, 3d, 4th printings and worn plates filling the space.

A page of line varieties, showing normal type, two and three lines to left, and extra line to right, with lines entirely removed is next.

Then follows a page of die errors, such as shifted die, 4 varieties, the word "Three" spelled "THEEE," "T" of Three broken at bottom, "T" of word Cents also broken at bottom.

Paper varieties, in both unperforated and perforated makes up the next page. On it I include the variety watermarked with band of curved lines across the stamp, watermarked with three vertical lines wide apart, quadrille lines impressed into the paper, close lined vertical laid paper, and a very thick paper variety.

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Following is a page of Paid, Carrier, Year Dated, Steamboat, Railway, and other scarce cancellations.

Then I devote two pages to shades.

This completes the unperforated 3 cent stamps with a few perforated scattered here and there. Taking up the perforated I show Type I, in a pair and shades.

The following page shows different kinds and colors of cancellations.

An interesting page follows, showing the different perforations, such as 15 holes to 20 mms., on each side; 15½ on each side, 15½ vertical and 15 horizontal; 15 vertical and 15½ horizontal. This page will keep one studying and hunting for some time before it is completed.

Taking up Type II, I show the 1st and 2d printings, worn plates and imprints.

Four pages are devoted to the different line varieties.

One page is taken up with position dot varieties.

It requires seven pages to show the different cancellations. One page is given over to different year dates; one page to carriers, etc.; one page for the different kinds and colors of Paid cancellations, and 4 pages for pen, black, blue, red and green cancellations, in different shades and printings.

For straight shades I require two pages.

Two more pages are devoted to blocks, strips and pairs.

There is a page of double and freak perforations, etc.

A page of perforations, arranged same as for the Type I, closes the list.

It will be seen that with just one stamp alone, and it one of the common ones of which a thousand can be had for a very few dollars, requires 31 pages. In fact, my 1847 and 1851-1860 issues require about 75 pages to properly display and study the different collectible stamps.

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—C. V. Webb, Perry, O., informs us that he has purchased the *Vest Pocket Philatelist* and will change the page size to 6x9 ins.

COMMUNICATION.

(We do not hold ourselves responsible for the views expressed by our readers. Our columns are always open for communications of general interest.—Ed.)

ST. LOUIS, MO., July 17, '12.

TO THE EDITOR:

Enclosed is change of copy for issue of July 27. The more I use MEKEEL'S WEEKLY the more I am satisfied that it is a wonderful medium through which to reach stamp collectors. I am three weeks behind in my correspondence as a result of the flood of business and personal letters which have resulted from recent advertising and articles on "Specialized U. S." in that paper.

Yesterday I answered six telephone calls from city collectors who wanted to say a good word about the second chapter on U. S. which you published from my typewriter.

Please say, in your columns somewhere, that I will answer all correspondence in its regular order, and that I wish all who have written and received no reply, to have a little patience. The work of arranging my stock for sale, writing for the press, and other duties, together with the hot weather, keeps me burning the midnight oil most of the time.

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BR. SOLOMON ISLANDS, FIRST ISSUE.

UNAUTHORISED PRINTS.

It was the boast of the Solomon Island authorities that the first stamps issued by them were above suspicion. No irregular practices were indulged in. All purchasers were treated alike, and no stamps were sold either above or below face value. No varieties were "manufactured" for collectors, and no commission was charged on orders received through the post.

It was consequently a shock to us to learn a few months ago that certain imperf. stamps in the design and colours of the first type printed on thick paper, in all some three or four hundred sets were put on sale on the local market and in London. Shortly afterwards the Chief Postmaster of the Solomons paid us a visit, and we interrogated him on the subject. He denied all knowledge of the matter, and said that he was not previously aware of the existence of any proofs. We published words to this effect in our January number, and on the assertion being challenged, the gentleman above referred to reiterated this statement in writing.

Mr. W. E. Smith, the printer of the stamps supplied to the Solomon Island authorities, also denies all knowledge of their previous existence. That gentleman is, under the peculiar circumstances, entitled to the sympathy of the philatelic community. When he undertook the work he is stated to have given a bond to the B. S. I. authorities guaranteeing not to print, sell or dispose of any stamps other than those supplied to them.

At the time these stamps were being printed, the latter end of 1906, Mr. W. E. Smith was the sole proprietor of his concern. A few years ago he floated his business into a limited liability company, still retaining the active control of affairs, but last year reorganisation was effected and Mr. Smith retired. He left Sydney last month for Europe, where he intends residing in future, and we regret to have to add that he is in delicate health.

The manager of the present limited company knows nothing of the affair, the stamps having been printed five years before the present company came into being. Search has failed to throw any light on the mystery, and he cannot understand why it would be necessary to print as many as half a dozen sheets of each value as "proofs." It may be stated here that these so-called "proofs" are, we are informed, all identical in colour for the various denominations, and the colours are the same as those of most of the stamps which were consigned to the Solomon Islands. The fact, however, seems to have been overlooked that there were two shades of most of the values. This fact was announced in the *Australian Philatelist* (1/6/07, p. 117), and we have a distinct recollection of having seen some early sheets numbered 50 to 60 or thereabouts, the colours of which were paler than those which came along subsequently. This can be verified, for both shades are to be seen in several collections. It may be assumed, therefore, that if the stamps now being discussed were really "proofs," i. e., first printings, that they should be in the paler shades. So far as memory serves us, these paler shades were more noticeable in the ½d, 5d, 6d and 1sh denominations.

After carefully thinking the matter over, our opinion is that the so-called "proofs" were printed concurrently with or subsequent to the bulk lot, but not until after the inks had been intensified (made deeper) and further, that they were printed surreptitiously—without the knowledge or sanction of either Mr. Smith, his overseer, or the British Soloman Island authorities.

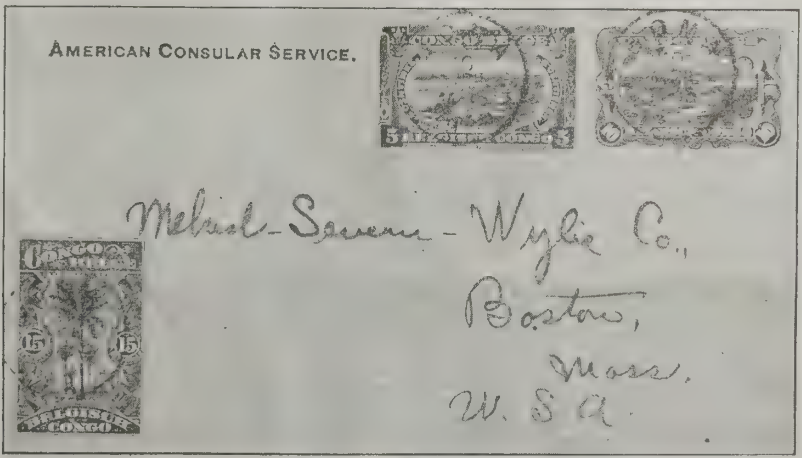
Some persons have expressed a doubt that these stamps were even printed in W. E. Smith's establishment at all. In this connection the following, which appeared in the *Australian Philatelist* (10/5/09, p. 105) is of interest:—"*La Circulaire Philatelique* states that the whole of the first set has been dangerously forged." A dangerous forgery means such a clever imitation as would deceive most people. The question therefore arises, Are these "proofs" some of the forgeries above referred to? We think not.

The main point is, are they entitled to rank as "proofs"? We say, No! All that they can claim to be is "unauthorised prints."

We wish it to be distinctly understood that we cast no reflections on those dealers or collectors who have purchased these stamps. Had they been offered to our firm we might likewise have bought them. We, however, consider it our duty to the philatelic world to publish these facts, and should any of our friends feel disposed to express their opinions on this matter we shall be happy to publish them.—*Australian Stamp Journal.*

CURRENT UNUSED ENVELOPE STAMPS FOR POSTAGE.

It is only by some popular form of agitation, such as the lecture rostrum or through the columns of a newspaper or magazine, that reforms are brought about. The Post-Office Department is one of the great arteries of this as well as every nation. If some one brings about an economic reform in this U. S. Department, he not only helps the Government to cut down unnecessary expenses, but he is conferring a silent blessing on his fellow man. *The Gazette* does not here pose as a reformer to any great extent, but acting on the suggestion of one of its subscribers, it has a few words to say on the disposal of spoiled U. S. Government envelopes and postal cards, which are offered for redemption. In Great Britian and we believe in Switzerland as well, unused cut square envelopes and postal cards are good for postage. Here they are not valid for postage unless in an entire condition. There are clerks in every large post office in this country whose sole business it is to look after the redemption of spoiled envelopes and postal cards. Both are redeemable in postage stamps—the envelopes at face value and postal cards at 75 per cent. of face. The handling of these requires a large amount of detail work involving considerable expense. The envelopes are sent to the factory at Dayton, where the embossed stamps are supposed to be destroyed, and then with the paper turned over to the envelope paper manufacturers. It is evident that much unnecessary expense is thus incurred by the Government. Mr. Hitchcock, our worthy Postmaster-General, has made good and economical reforms in the conduct of his department. Let him consider the abolishing of the costly redemption procedures and allow the public to use a current envelope stamp cut from a soiled or misdirected envelope. We copy lots of fads from our English cousins, but here is one of their practical ideas which we could emulate consistently. Furthermore we think the great letter writing public would agree with *The Gazette* in advocating this money-saving scheme to the Post Office Department. We believe it is only a question of time when you may often see in your mail an embossed envelope stamp which had been cut from a spoiled entire one doing postal duty. At any rate it would be more economical and practical for the Government to recognize the same as adhesives, all current unused envelope stamps and thus greatly reduce the expense caused by the present method of redemption. By permitting only current envelope stamps to be used, the many thousands of "specimens" envelopes and "bidders samples" of 1864-1893 would not be available for postage.—*Philatelic Gazette.*



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EDITORIAL.

"As Is"—A reader has sent for inspection, a curiosity in the shape of a cover, whose status we shall not attempt to determine in the absence of any corroborative testimony. The cover is one of the patent line varieties—Pat. Nov. 20, 1855—such as were used for the government stamped envelopes but it bears no envelope stamp impression. Instead, in the upper right hand corner, are two lines of type-printed impression in black: Paid One Cent—Maspeth, N. Y. The flap of the envelope is ungummed as if the envelope were intended to enclose circular matter, for instance. This envelope was addressed to a western state and was found in a batch of old correspondence there which had remained undisturbed for for many years. If the envelope served as a carrier through the mails, it must have been used at a time after the prepayment of postage by stamps was made compulsory. As the envelope stands, it furnishes the basis of various theories.

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Every Little Helps—From Mr. James Musick, Lohman, Missouri, we have received the following letter, with exhibit: "I am sending you herewith, a block of ten of the one-cent, 1910, each stamp of which shows a defect that is rather unusual. On each of the stamps of the block, one of the lines forming the hair at the lower bottom side of the head is distinctly broken. I have another block exactly like the one enclosed only slightly plainer. Such defects are common but generally are not repeated with such uniformity." This variation is one to delight the eye of the minor variety enthusiast and when once detected becomes plain enough but its discovery by Mr. Musick is a tribute to his keenness of scrutiny of stamps.

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Another Brand—From many readers, including Mr. Howland Speakman, Chicago, who is on his vacation trip at Lake George, New York, come samples of the enclosures in a popular brand of cigarettes. A waxed envelope, containing a few foreign stamps and half-tone engravings of celebrities, is inscribed: "Philately. The popular European rage. Foreign postage stamps," etc. Previously, attention was called to the cards of stamp engravings in certain packages of "little cigars."

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Novelties—We have seen two postally surcharged fiscals of Ecuador on cover from Quito: "Postal-Un-Centv." on the one sucre "timbre fiscal" and "Postal-Dos-Cents." on the two sucres of the same set.

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Enough Said—A gentleman, who, from certain earmarks that remain unrevealed to those who do not hold communion in the sacred circles of sublimated scribes but which to fellow craftsmen loom large, speaks of our Peristyle of Philatelic Purity in *Mack's Monthly Philatelist:* "Now to proceed with Class I, Section a, to-wit: MEKEEL'S WEEKLY STAMP NEWS. MEKEEL'S isn't placed at the head of the weeklies by accident, nor again by design. Ben deposits it there because it belongs there. He considers it the best U. S. every-seven-day stamp paper, and begs everybody present to swallow this statement verbatim, as it will be needed to alleviate the intensity of further statements." Up to this juncture, we heartily commend Cupp's outpouring, but here the critic who takes refuge under the *nom-de-plume* of Ben Zine Cupp becomes strangely pointless in his ruminations and wholly uninteresting in his observations unless we except the remark: "Mr. Severn, the famous juggler, writes editorials, and he can't be beaten at it." Really the credit is all Penflip's. It provokes us that the high promise of Cupp's opening flow were so sadly spilled in his pursuing sentences; and we grieve that he could not have written in a way to have sustained interest to the end.

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A Rebuke—A reader wants our "valued co-operation" in an attempt to recover the price of subscription paid to the publisher of a philatelic paper whose birth and death were encompassed in Volume One, Number One. Fie on our correspondent to begrudge the poor, deluded progenitor of any "magazine devoted to the best interests of philately" a paltry quarter, which, after all, is no more than a single drop of unguent to assuage the sting of disappointment. Let our reader peruse the following recital and feel duly chastened. Some time ago, we received a quarter from one of our readers with the request that the amount be applied to a subscription for a paper that had been mentioned in the WEEKLY. We sent the money on but soon the subscriber through us complained that he was not getting the paper; thereupon, we wrote the publisher who said that he had not received the quarter from us. We sent in a quarter of our own rather than argue the matter and it happened that at this critical period, the paper suspended publication. Our reader was now irate and he wrote so caustically that fearful of another blast, we sent him a second quarter from our depleted purse. He acknowledged its receipt in a letter so suspiciously courteous that we wondered if he suspected that we had retained the quarter, trusting that he would forget that he had sent it to us. Did we bother the publisher who was gazing so mournfully upon the ruins of his fondest hopes? No,—we raised our advertising rates.

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Sad But True—The awakening of the philatelic publisher sometimes is one in which resentment and amazement are commingled. Usually, the publisher of a philatelic paper is a hopeful, enterprising youth who prepares his first number with much pride and sends out from 500 copies, upwards. The copies go to a carefully selected list of names and the advertisers are billed promptly. One out of every two who receive the first number will subscribe, he hopes, and expectantly he waits several days for the deluge of subscriptions; but at the end of the week he has garnered exactly eleven paid up subscriptions and a batch of letters congratulating him upon the appearance of the first number,—oddly enough these friendly correspondents neglect to send in the subscription price. Ah, thinks the subdued and puzzled publisher, Monday will bring the inundation of mail; and he stakes his hopes on the fateful Monday with its two days' mail. Black Monday comes but it brings no checks from the advertisers nor any number worth while of subscriptions; perhaps, the mail has been delayed but the worst soon is proved to him. Other numbers of the paper are published in accordance to the perseverance of the publisher but the end it seems is inevitable. Some ex-publishers quit philately in disgust with hard words for the parsimony of its followers but the others soon forget their fling and continue in philately with more enjoyment than before and in time find amusement in recalling their philatelic publishing experience. Prospective publishers sometimes ask our advice about issuing a stamp paper and we always answer that while the chances greatly are against making a success of a venture of the kind, yet there are always a few stamp papers on a permanent basis and that it is possible to make room for one more. It must be admitted without argument, however, that all the deserving philatelic papers do not succeed; and that is a disappointing feature of the game.

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The lads showed great courage and seemed to bear charmed lives as they rode recklessly but unharmed among the whistling bullets. After the siege was raised the memory of their good service and the knowledge of the possibilities of the English boy remained with the general and furnished the germ of the idea which later blossomed forth in the organization of the "Boy Scouts" with Baden-Powell at their head.

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The newly organized and incorporated State Society held its first meeting July 2nd with a charter membership of 38. The following officers were elected to serve until Jan. 1, 1913: — Pres., C. J. T. Utermark, Seattle; V. Pres., LeRoy Pratt, Tacoma; V. Pres., L. R. Lounsbury, Olympia; Sec., D. C. Bartley, Seattle; Treas., Dr. Carl Hoffman, Seattle.

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The Society has two branches started, one in Tacoma, V. D. Tomlinson, Sec., and another in Olympia, Sidney Rankin, Sec. The Seattle Philatelic Club has ceased to be, as nearly all members joined the State Society. The official organ will be *Everybody's Philatelist*, Astoria, Oregon. Meetings will be held every Tuesday evening at 206 Walker Building, Seattle, until further notice, address all communications to Secretary, 372 Arcade Bldg., Seattle, Wash.

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(As it is impossible to secure accurate data regarding the number of stamps of each denomination issued, I will omit all mention, at this time, of the probable output. Diligent inquiry is being made, and research of the files of philatelic literature may give sufficient information which will warrant at least an approximate estimate. If this be so the statistics of numbers of the 5, 10, 12, 24, 30 and 90 cent denominations will be given later.

During some time between 1851 and 1856 the name "Casilear" was omitted from the plates. The exact date has never been learned. In view of this fact no mention of the firm of Toppan, Carpenter, Casilear & Co., or Toppan, Carpenter & Co., will be made in the rest of the historical description. Suffice it to say that all of the stamps of this issue were engraved and printed by one or the other of these concerns.—AUTHOR'S NOTE.)

One of the hardest stamps of the second series to study is the 5 cent imperforate, and its perforated variety (for I cannot separate these into distinct issues). This for the reason that it requires quite a little money with which to purchase even one fairly good copy, and the fact that the catalog distinguishes four varieties and nine shades.

Notwithstanding this, a specialist can fill a number of pages of his album with the stamps of this issue alone, if he cares to pay the price, and gives heed to the sub-varieties, perforations and different cancellations. I would say that 100 stamps of the 5 cent kind can be accumulated, and each with some distinguishing feature to make it collectible.

Unless we accept the three higher values—24, 30 and 90 cent stamps—as having been postally issued imperforate, the 5 cent imperforate is the highest priced stamp of this issue. From the number known to be in the hands of dealers, found in collections, and located in the auction sales, it seems to the writer that this stamp, together with the perforated varieties, is priced entirely too high, when compared with the price and scarcity of some other stamps.

The catalog suggests two shades in the imperforate—red brown and brown—to which should be added a dark red brown and carmine brown. The latter is a scarce, handsome stamp, worth full catalog or more. There are no distinguishing varieties of this stamp, and when one has secured copies in the four shades, a used pair, and black, blue and red cancellations, together with one "Paid" and one year-dated cancellation, he has gone about the limit in the imperforate stamp. Trial printings and the proofs close the list.

Good margins should be insisted upon, for the reason that clipped perforated stamps are palmed off on younger collectors, a fact which, owing to a distinguishing difference in paper, will cause their elimination when one wants to dispose of them to a customer who knows postage stamps.

The field for study is much larger in the perforated variety, there being three catalogued types and seven catalogued shades. The types are called—full ornaments, top and bottom ornaments partly cut away, top and bottom ornaments wholly removed.

There are, however, two sub-varieties, or difference in the cutting away of the ornaments—type IIa, I will call the first. It has the ornaments at top or bottom cut away further than type II, and I believe is collectible. It is easily distinguished from either types II or III. Type IIIa not only has the ornaments entirely removed, but has been so fully removed as to cause a depression in the frame to almost as great a depth as type II is raised.

Type I is catalogued in brick red, red brown and brown shades. To these should be added rose brown, pale red brown, dark red brown, carmine brown and gray brown.

Type II catalogued in orange brown and brown, have also shades of dark brown and gray brown.

Type III, orange brown and brown, are also found in dark brown, gray brown and bistre brown.

Pairs are rather scarce, especially horizontal pairs. Vertical pairs are more common than the other. Strips of three and blocks of four are very rare. Black and pen cancellations are the most found. Blue are rather scarce, and strange to say red are more rare than the blue. A 5 cent stamp of this issue, with legible year date is very rarely met with. I have yet to see one with carrier, railroad or steamboat cancellation, which is not saying they do not exist. Paid cancellations are not very common, and yet not rare.

I do not believe they exist in watermarked or laid paper varieties, although I may be mistaken.

An interesting combination is a pair showing type II and type III.

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- Type I.
  - Shades.
  - Cancellations.
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  - Card board proof.
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- Type I.
  - Shades.
  - Cancellations.
  - Pair.
  - Perforated 15 vertically, 15½ horizontally.
  - Perforated 15½ vertically, 15 horizontally.
- Type II.
  - Shades.
  - Cancellations.
  - Perforations, as above.
  - Pair showing Type II and Type III.
- Type IIa.
- Type III.
  - Shades.
  - Cancellations.
  - Perforations, as above.
  - Pair.
- Type IIIa.

(To be continued.)

OUR REVIEW.

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Edited by Henry A. Kidder.

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Australia Commonwealth.—Mr. Schachne has received a reply letter card carrying the same stamps as those noted in No. 1112. Between the stamp and arms are two headlines and one line of instructions, also another line of instruction near lower edge. The perforation is a continuous wavy cut which goes only partly through the paper. As this paper is rather heavy and tough, this style of perforation may serve the purpose but we venture the prediction that it will not be generally adopted. Perf. D; size 152x93 mm.

Letter Card.

1x1d brown-violet on yelllowish buff.

Belgium.—Three more values of the new King Albert set have been shown us by Whitfield King & Co., the size and design being the same as the 10c value, issued some time since. The 50c and 1f values are in the same color as the previous issue. The 40c value is new, that denomination not having been issued by Belgium since the issue of 1870. *Maury's Collectioneur* reports the issue of an envelope, with portrait of King Albert, similar to that on the 10c stamp. Presumably the color is white, though the chronicle is silent on that point.

Adhesives.

40c yellow green.
50c blue gray.
1fr orange.

Envelope.

10c red on white.

Bolivia.—The L. L. Albright Co. has shown us two split provisionals from Bolivia, both on the original covers, and used in connection with other stamps. One of these covers has two of the 10c on 1c blue fiscal stamp, chronicled in No. 1118, and half of a third stamp cut diagonally and used as 5c. The other has a copy of the 20c violet and black of 1909, with a diagonal half of the 5c on 2c green provisional of 1911, Scott's No. 96, so cut as to show only the tops of the letters of the upper part of the surcharge, "5 Centavos." This would appear to make the postage on this letter 22½ centavos, while on the other it is 25 centavos.

British Colonies.—According to the *Colonial Office Journal*, the following stamps have recently been issued for the various Colonies named, with portrait of King George:

Bahamas, ½d, 2½, 4d, 6d, 1sh, 5sh, £1.
Ceylon, 3c, 6c, 10c, 15c.
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Fiji Islands, 1d, 5sh, £1.
Gambia, ½d, 1d, 2d, 2½d, 6d, 1sh.
Gibraltar, ½d, 1d, 2d, 2½d, 6d, 1sh.
Gilbert & Ellice Islands, ½d.
Leeward Islands, ¼d, ½d, 1d, 2½d.
St. Lucia, ½d, 1d, 2½d, 3d, 6d, 1sh, 5sh.
Sierra Leone, 1d, 2d.
Southern Nigeria, 2d.

Hayti.—Hermann Focke sends us a new stamp from this Republic, but we are unable to state whether it is the first of a complete new set or not. The stamp is an upright rectangle, about the size and shape of the 1898-99 issue. It is intended for international postage, as the value is expressed in "Centimes de Piastre," gold dollar, as distinguished from "Centimes de Gourde," silver dollar. The latter values appear on the stamps used to pay the domestic rates. The stamp was printed by the American Bank Note Co., New York, in design suggesting issues for Chile, Peru, and other countries. The portrait is labeled "C. Le Conte, 1912," but who Le Conte is we are unable to say. Like all the American Bank Note Co.'s work, the stamp is finely engraved and printed, and presents a handsome appearance. It is perforated 12.

Adhesive.

5c dark blue.

Japan.—A double 1½s postcard has been issued in the new type chronicled some time ago.

Post Card.

1½x1½s rose on white.

Mozambique.—The New England Stamp Co. has shown us the King Manuel set for this Colony, surcharged "Republica." There are 11 values, from 2½r to 500r.

Norway.—Further values of the re-engraved set as noted in No. 1124, have come to hand, and have been shown us by the New England Stamp Co. The same differences existed as noted in the other values. The colors of these re-engraved stamps all seem brighter and stronger than in the previous issue.

Adhesives.

1 ore gray.
2 ore brown.
3 ore orange.
5 ore green.
10 ore deep carmine.
15 ore brown.
20 ore deep ultramarine.
25 ore red violet.
50 ore claret.

Surinam.—This Colony has issued a set of provisionals, which were printed hastily and put into temporary use, pending the arrival of a new supply of stamps from the mother country. Our information comes from Edwin W. Fuss, who kindly sends us specimens of the new stamps. Mr. Fuss is informed that the remainders of the provisionals, of which only a very limited quantity was issued, will be destroyed as soon as the new stamps arrived. The provisionals are type set, very crudely printed on white wove paper, and perforated 11½. The design shows a border of rule work, with "Suriname" above and "Cent" below, the figure of value being printed in a tablet imposed on the border and extending beyond it on each side. The stamp is an upright rectangle, 21½x26½mm. As we have not seen sheets of these provisionals, we are unable to say whether they are printed tete beche like the 5c provisional of 1909 or not. Mr. Fuss understands that a ½c value has also been issued, but this has not yet come to hand.

Provisional Adhesives.

2½c green.
5c dull red.
12½c dark blue.

J. N. Morse has shown us a new provisional card, issued because the stock of 2½c and 5c cards was sold out in June. These of course are of local manufacture and the one before us differs from the last 2½c as follows: The card is a paler blue and lacks the quality and finish—the arms are similar in general design but smaller—the same two headlines but in slightly different type—the stamp is an upright rectangle (type set) 20½x27 divided into three parts and contains (1) Suriname (2) 2½ (3) cent in colored letters.

Post Card.

2½c green on grayish blue. Divided face.

Mr. Morse also sends us information of the provisional adhesives, chronicled above.

Venezuela.—In No. 1121, we noted the fact that the 50c value of the current issue had been found with the centre in blue and the frame in violet. The *Philatelic Gazette* has the following from a correspondent in Venezuela to one of its advertisers:

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This means that the whole set has been printed at two impressions, thus adding materially to the difficulty and cost of printing.

Maury's Collectionneur notes the issue of a new set of official stamps for this country. The design is similar to that of 1904, though with many differences. The letters in the inscriptions are thicker, the figures of value appear in all four corners, the horse in the Arms has the head turned to the right, instead of turned to the rear, and the horns of plenty, which form the top of the arms, are better drawn. The three lower values are in the same colors as the 1904 set, but the others have the frames in new colors. The centres are all in black.

Official Adhesives.

5c green and black.
10c rose and black.
25c blue and black.
50c violet and black.
1b yellow and black.

A VARIANT.

A. G. Johnson, of Cleveland Ohio, has shown me an interesting plate variety of the 2 cent black, issue 1862, Scott's number 73. The variety exists in the triangular point formed by the part in the hair, directly under the letter "E" in the word "Postage." In the normal type a point of hair extends sharply out toward the end of the label, which is clear cut and only slightly marked with two vertical lines of shading. In the variety shown this point of hair is almost entirely obliterated by heavy vertical shading which causes the part of the hair to show an almost perfect right angle, with the point at the break of the hair.

That this is a scarce variety is evidenced that an examination of 260 copies in my own stock showed only one stamp containing it. This proved, however, that it was a variety in the plate engraving, and not a slip in printing, or due to some foreign cause which would prevent the discovery of other stamps containing the same uniqueness.

Mr. Johnson also furnishes the writer with a variety of the 10 cent green, 1861 issue, Scott's number 68, which will be carefully studied and the results noted in these columns.

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The Land of the Three Volcanoes.

By The Rev. J. W. Graham.

The first issue of Costa Rican stamps took place in 1865. The design consisted of the coat-of-arms of the Republic which might be described in non-heraldic language as follows:—in the centre of the shield are the three volcanoes of the Republic—Turrialba, Irazu, and Poas. In the foreground is seen the Pacific Ocean, whilst the background represents the Atlantic. A ship is seen on the Pacific side, and the careful observer will also notice the masts of another vessel on the Atlantic horizon, prophetic of the development of the then new Atlantic trade. The rising sun of the nation's independence may also be observed. Above are five stars, symbolic of the five Comarcas or Provinces into which the Republic is divided,—San Jose, Caratago, Limon, Guanacaste, and Alajuela. Below is a cornucopia, emblematic of the abundant wealth of the country, whilst the cannon on which it rests is a gentle hint of the determination of the country to maintain her liberty to the death if necessary. The whole is draped with three national flags on each side, with an accompaniment of spears and battle axes, and laurel wreaths reminiscent of the victories by which independence was secured.

The Man with the Flaming Torch.—On the present One Cent stamp is a representation of the monument erected in the town of Alajuela in honour of Juan Santa Maria. It was on the 11th April, 1856, that the Costa Rican army tried conclusions with the notorious American buccaneer, William Walker, in the town of Rivas. Walker had resolved to conquer the whole of Central America, and had already succeeded in subduing Nicaragua, and was now on the same mission to Costa Rica. The Costa Rican army found him strongly fortified in an inn, while his men were quartered in the church and other buildings in the town. In order to obtain a decisive victory, it was necessary to dislodge him from his stronghold. Every inch of the intervening space was covered by the rifles of the enemy. General Canas, who was in command, conceived the idea of setting the inn on fire. "Is there no one brave enough to risk his life to save his compatriots." asked the General. Forthwith there sprang from the ranks a soldier. "I will go," he said, "but I charge you not to forget my mother." A torch was prepared; he started on his perilous journey; he drew near to the inn; a bullet shattered his right arm; he took the torch in his left hand; he reached the inn; another bullet gave him his death wound; but, before he died, he was able to apply the torch to the wooden building, which was soon a mass of flames. The filibusters fled in terror, and the Costa Ricans were the masters of the situation. That soldier who gave his life for his country was a native of Alajuela, and his name was Juan Santa Maria, commonly known as El Erizo, or The Hedgehog. In the picture he is still grasping the fatal torch in his right hand.

The Model Costa Rican.—The Two Cents stamp bears the effigy of Juan Mora Fernandez, the first President of the Republic, a man who still lives in our memories as the model Costa Rican. He was born in San Jose on the 12th July, 1784, and began his public career at a very early age as sub-lieutenant of the first battalion of cavalry organised in that city by Senor Ayala, the last but one of the Spanish Governors of the then Province of Costa Rica. Afterwards Mora occupied the position of Secretary of the Municipality which was formed during the last years of the Spanish domination. He then filled the Mayor's chair, and in December, 1821, was appointed a member of the Commission to make the draft of the first constitutional law of the new Republic. We next find him the Secretary of the Governing Board in 1822 and 1823, and as elected member of the General Assembly in the latter year, from which position he passed to that of President in 1824. At the end of his first term of office, he was re-elected and guided the destinies of the infant State until 1833. During the administration of General Morazan in 1842 he filled the position of Vice-President, after which he retired from politics. For a long time he discharged the duties of Chief Justice, a post which he occupied up to the time of his death in September, 1854. In the Congress Hall in San Jose, his portrait hangs over the Presidential chair, and underneath it this inscription:—"Ocupa este lugar el ciudadano ex-jefe, Juan Mora, por sus virtudes, y le ocuparan sucesivamente los que en el mismo destino se hagan dignos de el." (The citizen ex-chief, Juan Mora, through his virtues occupied this place, and there shall follow him those who are worthy of a similar dignity.)

The Man Who Baffled the Buccaneer.—On the Four Cents stamp is seen the portrait of Jose Maria Canas, the hero of the Walker campaign already referred to. After his exploits in this struggle, he was chosen by the Government as their representative in settling the boundary dispute between Nicaragua and Costa Rica. The province of Guanacaste was the disputed territory, and the claim on each side was the more vigorously pushed, owing to the fact that a serious proposal was on foot to cut a canal through Nicaragua, on the borders of which Guanacaste is situated. Through the friendly intervention of El Salvador, the matter was peaceably arranged in favour of Costa Rica, and Canas signed the treaty on behalf of his Government. In 1859 Rafael Mora was re-elected to the Presidency for a third term; but there was a strong feeling against such a monopoly of the chief Magistracy, and his enemies were not slow in taking advantage of it. He was banished with many of his relatives and partisans. In El Salvador he made plans to regain his position, in which he was assisted by Canas; they were, however, overthrown on invading Costa Rica the following year, and were put to death—to the great sorrow of the people who had not forgotten that as President and General respectively, they had saved the State from foreign domination.

A Minister of Education.—The Five Cents stamp bears the picture of Mauro Fernandez, who, in 1886, was the author of the Elementary Education Law of the country. He was born in San Jose on the 19th December, 1843, and on the 8th May, 1886 (the day on which the new President is inaugurated) he was entrusted with the portfolio of Public Instruction. One of the finest buildings in San Jose is the "Mauro Fernandez School" which was opened on Independence Day (15th September) two years ago.

A Costa Rican Premier.—On the Six Cents stamp is a portrait of Julian Volio, who was the chief Minister during the first administration of Jesus Jimenez, 1863-1867. In 1864 the Governments of the other four Central American Republics demanded the expulsion from Costa Rica of General Barrios, ex-President of El Salvador and Liberal leader, who was working with great diligence for the re-establishment of the Central American Union. Jimenez, supported by Volio, vigorously opposed the demand, and refused to yield even when threatened with war. On this account the others cut off all relations with Costa Rica. In 1870, the retiring President supported the candidature of Volio for the Presidency, but a revolution was the result, and Jimenez, his old chief, was again put into office. Volio's portrait also figures on a Twenty Cents stamp, which is not listed in Bright's last catalogue.

The Murder of Carillo.—We now come to a man who, perhaps, looms larger in Costa Rican affairs than any other of his compatriots, and whose face seems to be endowed with life on the Ten Cents stamp,—Braulio Carillo. Rafael Gallegos, who was elected President in 1833 to succeed the illustrious Mora, found the task a more difficult one than he was by nature or inclination prepared to undertake, and resigned after his second year of service. To complete the unexpired term Braulio Carillo was chosen, and in that same year the Assembly enacted laws which were fraught with serious consequences to the country. The old system of indirect taxation was abolished and a direct tax imposed. Costa Ricans have always resented direct taxation; and in addition to this, Carillo passed a law to establish the Capital in San Jose. Cartago, the then Capital, took up arms in which she was assisted by Heredia and the older towns; but they were defeated. In 1837 the electors placed Aguilar at the head of the State and he annulled the statute by which the transfer of the Capital was ordered. Carillo, however, had a strong following and these now seized the cuartel in San Jose, and drove Aguilar and Juan Mora, then Vice-President, into exile. He then assumed the supreme power and the army and the Congress declared him President. Then he summoned a meeting of the General Assembly, in which his supporters had an overwhelming majority, and he was made Dictator. Carillo was a strong ruler, and under his iron hand the country made rapid strides. Then came the invasion of the country by Morazan, when the army sent out to meet him joined forces with him, and Carillo was himself exiled. He retired to El Salvador, where he carried on his business as a lawyer until, one day, while sitting in a hammock suspended from two trees, he was set upon by enemies and murdered.

In Jesus Jimenez's second administration, his chief Minister of State was Eusebio Figueroa, and this officer ably assisted his chief in suppressing the revolution referred to during Volio's candidature. His portrait supplies the design for the Twenty-five Cents stamp. When Prospero Fernandez was President, 1883-5, a Forty Cents issue was made. In that administration the Jesuits were expelled from the country, but the President died before the conclusion of his term of office. Dr. Jose Maria Castro was President from 1847-9. It was in his time that the final separation of the Republic from the Central American Federation took place. Castro resigned after two years of service, but was again placed in the chair in 1866 as the successor of Jimenez. His picture will be seen on the Fifty Cents stamp.

President Soto.—Don Bernado Soto was Vice-President during the short administration of Prospero Fernandez and assumed the reins of office on the death of his Chief. He already graced the Ten Cents stamp of that period, and in 1889 a full set of stamps was issued with his portrait. It was the only time in the history of the country when there was such uniformity in the stamps. It was during his administration that Mauro Fernandez carried out the reforms in the Education Law to which reference has already been made. Don Bernado is still alive, although when last seen by the writer, he was in very poor health. He still enjoys the confidence of the nation over which it was his privilege to rule for four years. The object of this sketch is not to study the various changes or issues which have resulted in nearly 300 varieties of stamps. For that information, the reader is recommended to consult any one of the catalogues annually published by reliable firms in England or elsewhere.—*Jamaica Gleaner.*

WITH THE BOY PHILATELIST.

Edited by BERTRAM W. H. POOLE, Box 231, Altadena, Calif.

We propose to insert upon this page matter that will be of interest to the boy collector. Some two thousand boys are now on our mailing list and it is our desire to come closely in contact with them in such a manner as will be most helpful. Any information desired will be cheerfully rendered through these columns. Do not submit stamps for examination.

THE BEGINNERS' GUIDE.

How Postage Stamps are Made (*Continued*).

In quite a number of instances embossing has been used wholly or in part in the production of postage stamps. Embossed stamps are those in which the whole or some portion of the design is in relief as in the case of the United States envelope stamps now in use. Stamps are embossed in much the same way as letter-headings, seals etc., and the embossing may be perfectly plain on colored paper or the raised portions may be in white with the rest of the design in color.

The first stamps issued in Natal in 1857 were embossed in plain relief on colored wove paper and, except in sharply defined specimens the designs are somewhat difficult to decipher. These and the Scinde District Dawk stamps of India are the only postage stamps we can call to mind issued in colorless embossing.

The usual method followed shows the embossed parts surrounded by color and by this process two plates are necessary—one, on which the paper rests, which forces the parts that are to be in relief upwards, and the other applying the ink. Envelope stamps of numerous countries have been produced by this process each impression being struck separately. The first 6d, 10d, and 1s, stamps of Great Britain were embossed from the ordinary envelope dies and as each single stamp had to be struck separately they were issued in but small sheets. Printing sheets in this manner made alignment a matter of difficulty and specimens overlapped with portions of other impressions are by no means uncommon. The 10d and 1s stamps can be at once distinguished from envelope stamps of the same or similar colors by the paper which has silk threads running through it. The 6d value may be identified also by the paper which is watermarked with the letters "V R" for each stamp.

A makeshift issue of 1d stamps was produced in British Central Africa in 1898 by a combination of embossing and typography. By means of ordinary printers' "rule" and type a frame enclosing the inscription "INTERNAL," at the top, and "POSTAGE" at the bottom, was set up thirty times in two horizontal rows and then in the centre of each frame an impression was struck from the 1d stamp ordinarily used for stamping checks.

The above instances represent more or less make-shift issues but some countries have made extensive use of embossing in the production of postage stamps. From January 1869 until January 1898 Gambia's stamps were all embossed, the series making one of the most attractive known to the stamp collector. In this case the stamps were embossed and printed in entire sheets of 20 at a time. On all the stamps of Heligoland showing Queen Victoria's portrait the head is embossed in colorless relief while Switzerland furnishes numerous examples of embossed stamps. As an ultra-modern example we may point to the new issue for Iceland in all of which the portraits and inscriptions are embossed in white on a ground of solid color.

Another process which has been frequently adopted, generally in producing temporary issues, is that known to philatelists as type-set. This is typography in its simplest form; ordinary printers type, rule, and ornaments being used in setting up the design and the stamps being printed in an ordinary magazine or newspaper press. The interesting "numeral" stamps of the Hawaiian Islands were set up from ordinary type with straight rules. The first postage due stamps issued in Guadaloupe are equally simple in origin but have the added dignity of an ornamental border. British Guiana adopted this process of manufacturing temporary issues on several occasions and most of these products of the printers' office are extremely rare. The rarest of the lot, the "circular" issue of 1850, is also the crudest. These stamps were formed of pieces of rule bent into a rough circular outline inside which the name and value were inserted and the whole then printed on colored paper. Colombia, Bamra, Uganda, and Madagascar are other places that have issued type-set stamps.

Perhaps the most simple and primitive method of all was that employed by the Postmaster of Hamilton, Bermuda, in 1849 for producing 1d stamps. He used the ordinary postmarking stamp, with the date removed, stamping impressions on odd pieces of paper and then writing in the value "One penny" and his name "W. B. Perot" with ordinary pen and ink.

The stamps of the New Republic furnish another quaint and simple method of typography. The "design" consisting of the name of the Republic, value, and (usually) date was printed with a rubber hand stamp on paper bought in Europe and sent out all ready gummed and perforated. At first they were issued with the paper quite plain but after a time, when the dating of the different supplies was discontinued, the Arms of the Republic were embossed in colorless relief on each specimen.

Lastly stamps are known which were "printed" by means of a typewriter. When the Deputy Commissioner of the British Protectorate of Uganda desired to establish a postal service in 1895 he was in difficulties with regard to providing stamps for there was no printing press or printer's type to be found in Uganda. The Rev. E. Miller, a missionary of the Church Missionary Society, being the proud possessor of the one and only typewriter in the Protectorate was prevailed upon to assist by producing the stamps on his machine. The first set consisted simply of the letters "U G" with numerals to denote the value in cowries surrounded by a border of hyphens. The second issue was a little more pretentious in design the name "Uganda" being written in full at the bottom and "V 96 R" inserted at the top. Naturally, as each letter, figure, dot, etc., had to be struck separately errors and varieties are particularly numerous.

STAMPS OF GREECE—EARLY PRINTINGS

By Capt. T. H. Howell-Jones.

Greece has been, and still is, a very poor country nationally, whatever may be the financial condition of individual members. One of the last European countries to adopt a postage system, the Government ordered the first issue, after a number of proofs, from Mr. Ernest Meyer, of Paris, which issue constitutes the well-known "Paris Print" and, if I may say so, the first period of the Greek stamps of the last century, which may be divided into six distinct periods:—

1st Period.—Paris prints 1861. On tinted paper.

2nd Period.—Athens 1861. On tinted paper.

3rd Period.—Athens prints 1876. On white or buff paper, including Paris prints of 30 and 60 Lepta 1876.

4th Period.—Athens prints 1879. On white or buff paper, without control number.

5th Period.—Belgium prints 1886. Small heads of Mercury.

6th Period.—Athens prints 1889. Small heads of Mercury, including Olympian Games issue of 1896.

I do not propose to go into a detailed account of all the printings of these various periods, the first four of which are put forward clearly in Mr. Dorning Beckton's list but only to touch on points which I hope will interest you and explain the causes which led to such a very large variation of printings.

In the first period there were two distinct issues of the Paris prints, the first with thin colourless gum laid on very smoothly, and the second with thick yellowish gum of good substance. The stamps of the latter issue vary considerably in shade.

The Greek Government, however, found that buying stamps in France was an expensive luxury, consequently the next issues were printed in Athens, and constitute the Second Period. This Period is divided into three divisions.

1st Division.—Stamps printed in Greece by French workmen using ink and paper brought from Paris 1861-2.

2nd Division.—Stamps printed in Greece by Greek workmen with local paper and ink, 1862—1870.

3rd Division.—The stamps printed after the plates were cleaned, 1870 onwards.

Economy was the cause of the French workmen being dismissed in 1862 and Greeks being employed, with the result that the stamps rapidly deteriorated. No care was exercised in matching the colours previously existing, and any job lot of paper seems to have been made use of, causing the very large number of printings of the same face value.

In 1870, however, the commencement of the third division of this period, an attempt was made to improve matters, and the plates were cleaned, with the result that two flaws occur, both in the 1 lepton and 40 lepta plates due to the careless manner in which this was done. The paper of this division was at first thin and transparent and the printings well executed, but in later printings the paper used was opaque though still thin, and the execution was atrocious.

The general poverty of the country was also responsible for some very interesting forgeries during this period, due, not to the greed of the philatelist, but to a desire to make an "honest" penny out of the Government. As a rule they are crude and easily discernible, though one or two are clever.

The philatelic forgeries of all the six periods are mainly confined to the control numbers on the back of the 2nd and 3rd period printings.

Of the 3rd and 4th periods there is little of special interest.

In 1886 the Government ordered another design of stamp by Mr. H. Hendricks to be printed by Dorns, in Belgium, and these constituted the 5th period. My previous remarks apply equally to this new issue. Too poor to continue paying the price asked by Dorns, the plates were transferred to Athens, commencing the 6th period with the same result as before. Innumerable variations of colour and paper occur, and also forgeries, in which the collection shown before the Society shows no attempt at specialization. I would venture to submit to you that there is an excellent opening here for investigation which would well repay all time and trouble spent on it, and on a subject about which very little is known.

A few words as regards varieties may not be out of place. The 10 lepta Paris print occurs on thick and thin paper; the former is seldom found. Also there are two varieties of printings of the control number. All stamps of the 1st division of the 2nd period, namely, those printed in Athens by Paris workmen, are rare; the 10 and 20 lepta in particular are most uncommon.

The 1 lepton of the 2nd division, 2nd period, on ribbed paper, is to be treasured, particularly the horizontally ribbed specimens; this latter variation has apparently escaped Mr. Dorning Beckton's notice. This ribbed paper also occurs in the 5 lepta, but I have only seen one specimen in the collection made by Mr. Hodgkin, who told me that he had several 10 lepta also printed on this paper, and had heard of a 40 lepta as well. All ribbed and perforated stamps are rare, and some extremely difficult to find used. Unused specimens, generally, are also not easily picked up, and they are urgently required by the would-be specialist, because nearly 70 per cent. of the used stamps one ordinarily comes across are faded, some to quite impossible colours, as in the 40 lepta.

The result of this is to force the would-be collector to obtain unused specimens, or else to be a nuisance to his friends in order to be certain that any particular specimen is correctly placed in his collection. The latter, unfortunately for my friends, and Mr. Dorning Beckton in particular; has been my method. It has also been my experience to find that the large majority of unused specimens are in the hands of dealers, and a limited pocket is not conducive to extensive business of this nature.

Another point I would like to emphasize is the fact that most of the stamps of these periods are imperforate. I know nothing more annoying than to find that a first-class specimen spoilt by being badly cut; quite 50 per cent. of the stamps are useless for this reason, and adding to this 25 per cent. spoilt by the cancellation, it only leaves the collector one stamp in four of those issued which is fit for his collection, and I think this percentage errs on the high side.

One final point to note is that Mr. Dorning Beckton admits that his catalogue is not complete, but, if I may say so, it is a very useful basis on which to commence arranging a collection.—*The South African Philatelist.*

IN REPLY TO MR. PRETZEL.

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10 Cents, 1851-1860, Imperforate.

HISTORICAL.

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There are thousands of stamps of this issue sleeping between the covers of a fourth as many albums which owe their places to "false pretences." The owners fondly believe they have the true type I and type II, in both the imperforate and perforated varieties, when they are about as far from that as Hong Kong is from 'Frisco. True it is that these stamps are correctly classified, so far as the catalogs are concerned. But there the distinction ends. These 10 cent green stamps never ought to have been termed types I and II at all, or the other types, known to specialists, should have been added so that even the tyro would not have been mortified to find, some day, that he did not possess what he thought he had, and probably hundreds of the other types had passed through his hands unnoticed, for the reason that (not knowing there were other types) they no longer interested him. For verily we are slaves to our catalogs, and obey their dictates without question.

Type I, of the catalog, is designated as with full scrolls, and pictured as having these scrolls full at the right side.

Type II is supposed to be with side scrolls cut away.

The true type I is a hard stamp to find. Besides having the side scrolls complete, and the bottom scrolls but little injured, it has a faint line of color arching over the inscription "U. S. Postage." It also has an unbroken deeper line of color following the arch downward, from left to right scroll, under the words "Ten Cents."

If either of these lines be removed, or broken, then the stamp becomes type II.

These broken lines were caused, either by insufficient rocking of the die in making the plate, or to an accident to the die before transferring. Experts differ on this point.

Type III is a stamp printed from one of these incomplete plates, in which the omitted, or broken, line has been recut.

Type IV is the same as type I, with the side ornaments, or arabesques, cut away to facilitate perforating.

Type V is the same as type II, with ornaments cut away.

Type VI is like type III, with ornaments removed.

As types IV and V were formed with a view to making the stamps easier to perforate without cutting the design, they are the rarer of the types in the unperforated varieties, and the commonest in the perforates.

Type VI is not known to honestly exist perforated. And I am certain, in my own mind at least, that any stamp showing type III unperforated is a perforate which has been clipped. At least I have never seen an unperforated pair of this type, while other types are to be had for a reasonable premium.

The supposed test with the naked eye of the so-called types I and II is that the former has three pearls above the lower ornament, or shell, while the latter has the pearls entirely removed, but this is not the case, as I have varieties with one pearl removed, leaving two pearls intact, and two removed, leaving one. These can be reasonably called sub-types, and are as collectible as any of the minor varieties. I should be inclined to classify these as a and b, under types II, IV and V.

The collector need have but little trouble in classifying his shades, as they come in light (or yellow) green, dark green and bluish green.

These stamps have been found bisected and used as five cents. Counterfeiters have made these up for a profit so care must be taken to prevent imposition. If a bisected ten cent is offered, submit to a specialist before accepting it as genuine.

I have never seen trial printings of this stamp. If it exists I would like to see a copy. Until I do I shall not list it.

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  - Shades.
  - Cancellations.
- Type II.
  - Shades.
  - Cancellations.
  - Type IIa.
  - Type IIb.
- Type III.
  - Shades.
  - Cancellations.
- Type IV.
  - Shades.
  - Cancellations.
  - Type IVa.
  - Type IVb.
- Type V.
  - Shades.
  - Cancellations.
  - Type Va.
  - Type Vb.
- Type VI.
  - Shades.
  - Pairs.
  - Proof on India paper.
  - Card board proof.

For check list of perforated varieties, use above, except to omit type VI, together with the proofs, and add—

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Report Read at the Annual Meeting of the Royal Philatelic Society, London.

By J. A. TILLEARD, Honorary Secretary.

The year that has elapsed since our last Annual General Meeting, although unproductive of any matter of absorbing interest in relation to the doings of the Society, has been marked by much quiet and unobtrusive work comparing favourably with that of past years.

It is with much pleasure that I am able unhesitatingly to report that the affairs of the Society have been fully maintained on a sound and satisfactory basis, notwithstanding the fact that for the first time for some years the register of members shows a reduction in our numbers, owing to the deaths, resignations, and removals from the list during the season 1911-1912 being in excess of the elections to membership during the same period.

With regret I have to record the loss by death of four Fellows, viz. the Rev. A. Atkinson, D. D., who joined in 1903; Mr. F. Breitfuss, whose association with the Society had extended over a period of nearly forty years; Mr. D. Ellis, a member since 1896; and Consul Steudel, whose name has been on the register since 1886.

Of these, the first and last named were not able to take any active part in the work of the Society, but both had rendered good service to Philately, and, although few of us had the opportunity of making their personal acquaintance, our feelings of regret at the loss of their association with the Society are none the less sincere.

Mr. Douglas Ellis, until his health failed, was a regular attendant at our meetings and was well known to many of us. He was held in universal esteem, and he will be much missed by those of his fellow members who were personally acquainted with him.

Mr. F. Breitfuss, who at the time of his death had been longer on the roll of membership than any other member, was the acknowledged head of philatelic circles in Russia. He had attained a world-wide reputation as a collector and expert, and his valuable services were often enlisted to serve on the jury at International Philatelic Exhibitions held in recent years.

A frequent visitor at the Society's meetings prior to 1875, he was early in that year elected to membership, and his pride and interest in the Society and its work continued unabated to the end. Personally known to a large number of our members, he was held in the highest esteem bv all who were privileged to claim his friendship, and his name will always be honoured in the records of the Society as one of those of whom so few remain with us now, who helped to establish the Society on a sound and lasting foundation.

The retiring members whose resignations were accepted with regret were: Messrs. E. Alexander, U. H. Alsop, V. L. Henderson, W. A. R. Jex Long, A. McKechnie, W. A. Sisson, W. B. Price, R. M. Reid, W. W. Sanderson, E. A. Wiedemann, Mrs. W. E. George, the Rev. G. H. Raynor, and Capt. A. E. Stewart.

The names of five other members were removed from the register under the provisions of the Articles of Association, whilst of the three Associates on the list at the end of last season, one, Mr. W. G. Campbell, resigned, one was removed under the rules, and the third, Mr. G. E. V. Crutchley, exercised his right of becoming a Fellow on attaining his majority.

The elections to membership during the year have been: Captain Eugen Bayer, Dr. A. Chiesa, Captain E. S. Clarke, and Messrs. H. L. Churchill, G. E. V. Crutchley (formerly an Associate,) J. L. Green, Ivy L. Lee, T. W. Peck, H. L. Tidy, A. Weinberger, C. R. Wickins, and A. M. Youngmarker, in addition to one Associate, Mr. G. Papier the total number of members now consisting of 274 Fellows and one Associate.

Up to the present time very little advantage has been taken of the provisions of our Articles of Association enabling young philatelists to join the Society as Associates. The privileges and advantages of this right do not appear to be so widely known and appreciated as they should be, and I should like, in the coming season, to see an effort made by Fellows to induce such of their younger friends and acquaintances as are inclined to the serious study of Philately to join our ranks as Associates. To all such we offer a cordial welcome, and the assurance that their co-operation in our work will be fully recognized and appreciated.

The usual number of fortnightly meetings have been held during the season. At most of these visitors have been present, and the average number of members attending has been twenty. This is a slight advance on the average for the previous season, but the attendance is still considerably below what it should be, in view of the importance of the work done for our benefit by those who are good enough to prepare and read valuable papers and to give such fine displays as have been seen during the present season.

The apparent lack of interest disclosed by the attendances has been the subject of comment by some of our country members, who are discouraged at finding only a small meeting to welcome them on their coming amongst us from distant parts, and often at some personal inconvenience, to give us the benefit of their experiences, or to show us their philatelic treasures.

I am fully aware that, in such eventful times as have been experienced during the past season, there have been many causes operating against the success of periodical meetings, and the fact that notwithstanding these causes the average attendance has been increased, encourages me to hope that we may see a considerable improvement in the coming season.

A feature of the meetings has been the interest evinced by members on the two occasions, when Fellows were invited to join in the displays, in the one case of "Pairs, blocks, and stamps on Entires," and in the other of "Stamps of one or more values or an Entire Issue of any country." A large number of Fellows assisted in each case, and it is hoped that the arrangements for the business of the new season will be found to contain some similar means of enlisting in like manner the services of a combination of members jointly contributing to the success of the meetings.

During the season 1911-12 papers were read at ten meetings, and in each case they were illustrated by important displays of the stamps dealt with by the papers. These consisted of "Notes on the Stamps of the Cape of Good Hope," by Mr. G. F. Bainbridge; "The 1860-75 Issues of British Guiana," by Mr. M. P. Castle; "The Early Issues of the Argentine Republic," by Mr. T. W. Hall; "The Liberty Heads of Hayti," by Mr. L. L. R. Hausburg; "The Stamps of Sweden," by Baron Erik Leijonhufvud; "The British Stamps of the Reign of King Edward VII," by Mr. C. F. Dendy-Marshall; "Further Notes on Brazilian Stamps," by Captain G. F. Napier; "The Stamps of Bosnia," by Mr. H. R. Oldfield; "The Automatic Franking Machines of New Zealand" and "The two types *se tenant* of the 'Peace and Commerce' designs of France," by Mr. Franz Reichenheim; and "Varieties of Stamps of New South Wales and Tasmania," by Mr. R. B. Yardley.

In addition to the occasions of the two joint displays by Fellows before referred to, three further meetings were devoted to displays unaccompanied by papers or written notes. At these the collections of "New Brunswick" and "Nova Scotia" belonging to the King were shown by the gracious permission of His Majesty, while the President, at the first meeting of the season held by his invitation at his residence, gave a most interesting display of "Philatelic Literature" from his wonderful library, and, at the remaining meeting, a display of the "Stamps of Switzerland" was given by Mr. H. J. Duveen. The papers read have added considerably to the knowledge of the stamps to which they related, and, equally with the displays, have been fully up to the high standard attained in recent years.

Before leaving the subject of the meetings, I would venture to suggest to the consideration of the Council and the Committee responsible for the business of the meetings, the possibility, in making the arrangements for the next season, of some evenings being devoted to settling the lists of the issues of the countries remaining to complete the Society's work on the stamps of the British Colonies and Possessions.

It is some time since any volume was presented to members, and the greater part of the British Empire having been covered by the books already published, it would seem a pity that the work, which was started so many years ago, should not be brought to a completion.

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of the work in small parts could well be undertaken without necessarily encroaching to any great extent, if at all, upon the Society's funds, and if the suggestion were adopted and members were invited to submit their collections of the stamps forming the subject for the meetings, these collections would provide an interesting display in which many members would be able to join.

Although there has been nothing in the past year requiring any very serious consideration by the Council, a number of meetings have been held, all of which have been attended by a large majority of the members of the Council, and at which matters of importance in connection with the general business of the Society have received attention.

Progress has been made with the work of arranging the Society's library, for which a number of additions have been received, and a sum of £20 has been voted out of the funds of the Society for binding purposes.

The Expert Committee have had an arduous season involving very long sittings, and the large number of stamps submitted for their adjudication is evidence of the great appreciation of their services by the general body of philatelists. In addition to their general work they have undertaken the task of an inquiry into the doubts and questions surrounding some of the varieties of the Niger Coast "Provisional" stamps. Although, in the absence of documentary evidence, no definite conclusion could be arrived at as to the majority of the questions raised, the Committee have been able to establish the authenticity of some of the varieties dealt with. The sincere thanks of the Society are certainly due to the members of the Expert Committee for their very strenous work during the past season.

Numerous additions, some of considerable value, have been made to the Society's stamp collection through contributions made by various members and friends, and in this connection I may specially mention that we are indebted to the generosity of His Majesty, as Patron to the Society, for arrangements under which we are, and have for some time past, been in receipt of specimens of practically all the stamps issued from time to time by the various countries comprised in the Postal Union, within a short time from the dates of issue.

It is hoped that in the coming season a special effort will be made to make provision for the proper arrangement of the collection in such a form that it may be available for reference by all members desiring to inspect it.

His Majesty the King has also been graciously pleased to present to the Society the two original copper plates on which the two values of the first "Post Paid" stamps of Mauritius were engraved, same plate being afterwards re-engraved with the stamps of the type known as the "Large Fillet," of which only the 2d value was issued for actual use.

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The financial position of the Society continues on the sound basis on which it has been established in recent years. The income has fully sufficed for all purposes, and the accounts to be submitted this evening with the report of the auditors will, I believe, be found to be eminently satisfactory.

No nominations for office having been received, there will be no necessity for a ballot for the election of officers or members of Council for the ensuing season, the Articles of Association providing for re-election of the existing officers and Council in the event of notices of retirement or fresh nominations not being received before the 20th May in each year.

The ill-health of the Vice-President has called forth numerous expressions of regret amongst the Fellows and members, who have missed the benefit of his ripe experience and his assistance in the deliberations and meetings of the Society during a considerable part of the season. Much sympathy with Mr. M. P. Castle has been felt by all, and the fact that, notwithstanding his sufferings, he has carried out his work as editor of our journal, *The London Philatelist,* in so able a manner as to fully maintain its prestige as one of the most important of philatelic journals, has been greatly appreciated, and speaks highly for the courage of our Vice-President and his devotion to the best interests of the Society. That he may make a speedy recovery and be able, in the coming season, to give us the full benefit of his invaluable services is the ardent wish of all his fellow members.

Two meetings of the Philatelic Congress of Great Britain have been held during the year under review. At the Congress at Birmingham, the third of the series, held in 1911 from the 7th to the 9th June, the delegates representing the Society were Mr. M. P. Castle, Baron A. de Worms, Mr. R. B. Yardley, and Mr. L. L. R. Hausburg. The principal matters dealt with were the reports of the Philatelic Terms Committee, whose services were continued for the purpose of the completion of the proposed "Glossary," and the Report of the "Forged Stamps Committee," showing the steps taken with a view to preventing the manufacture and sale of forged postage stamps. Proposals for "linking up" Societies were also considered, but were negatived by a large majority, the general view being that the holding of a Congress and the institution of a Permanent Congress Committee, which was appointed by the meeting, met all requirements in this direction. The suggestion of our Society for holding triennial in lieu of annual meetings of Congress was found to be unacceptable to the general body of delegates, and was accordingly withdrawn.

An interesting exhibition was held in connection with the meetings, and the entertainments provided for the delegates left nothing to be desired to render the Congress the success that it was admitted to be.

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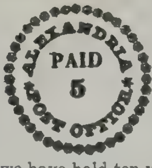

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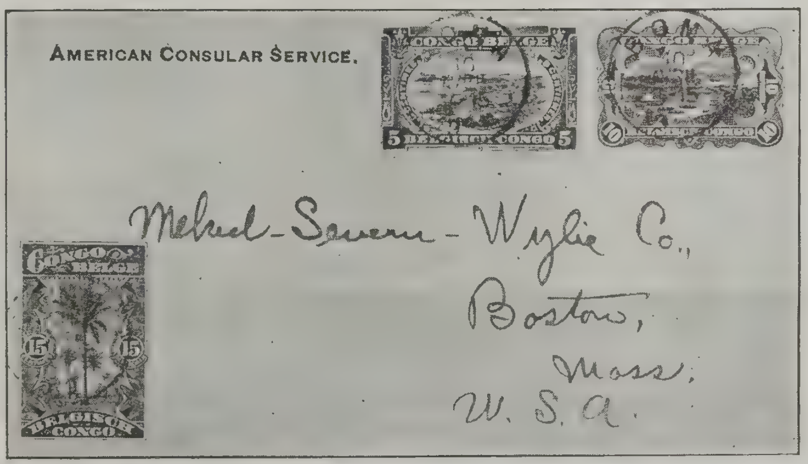

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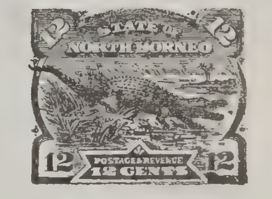

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EDITORIAL.

Close Watch—They are studying their stamps; and the time-honored injunction that has served as the rock of refuge for many a philatelic scribe is being obeyed as never before. Collectors are noticing differences nowadays that a decade ago they would have passed by unheedingly. Young and old are qualifying as philatelists by examining their stamps with studious care and recording small variations. Frankly, the discoveries, as a rule, are of no great significance in themselves but they are important as an indication of the manner in which the present generation regards its stamps. For instance, a young reader, Mr. Charles Palmer, Urbana, Illinois, writes to tell of a small mechanical difference, a little matter in itself but which is to be accounted for only by a word of explanation. "I enclose two copies of the United States registry stamp that show differences. Look at the right-hand figure 10. In the first copy, there is a small curved line to the left of the 1 of 10. There is no such line in the second copy. In the first copy, there is a line between the Y of Registry and the white dot, which is incomplete, leaving a small white space. In copy two, this line is complete. Is this due to freakish printing or different plates?" These white lines and patches are due to the "refusal" of the ink of the plate to take the paper, for any one of a number of reasons, at the places they occur.

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Coarse—It is a mistake for well-meaning members of the American Philatelic Society to attempt to stimulate political activity in the present campaign by means clumsily artificial. We do not refer to the election so much as to the character of proposed legislation at the convention at Springfield. If a fair degree of political activity is favorable to the development of the society, such is the case only when the interest is a natural and spontaneous one, and is not forced in any way. It is a waste of ammunition to shoot at a scare-crow and intelligent members of the American Philatelic Society resent the attempts of fumbling and incapable members to create a fictitious atmosphere, to speak in the manner of the stage. If the stimulus of a few moments is to be followed by a reaction of a year, let the work of misrepresentation proceed; otherwise the society will work out its own destiny without a handicap.

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Hear—Mr. Poole was right and Mr. Dunning was wrong. The latest supplement to Scott's Standard Catalogue including the local stamps of the United States, China, etc., does list the Aguinaldo or Philippine revolutionary stamps. The supplement that we examined was the one accompanying the preceding edition of the catalogue and not the one that is the addendum of the present work. We wish to make amends for the impression that was given and while our remarks were prophetic of the action that now has been so fairly taken by the publishers, yet the observations did not do full justice to the conditions at the time the paragraph was written. On page thirty-three of the catalogue of the local stamps three of the Philippine insurrectory stamps are illustrated and five specimens are listed; and with a single exception, all are priced used and unused. Mr. Dunning who long has been a champion of the rights of these stamps no doubt will feel that an apology is due the Scott catalogue publishers for his statements.

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To Classify—While on the subject of the stamps of the Philippines, we must mention the receipt from an esteemed correspondent of several documents of a fiscal nature that prove that in this branch the revolutionary government must have been well established. Further, a crude looking sheet of stamps was sent for inspection and while the specimens have a reminiscent look, we are unable to verify any recollections. The stamps are impressed in black on white paper and are perforated. At the top is "Correo" and just below, "1899." The central design is that of the arms of the insurrecto government in triangle, with "E" at left, "F" at right and "B" below. The bottom label reads, "P. Filipina" and above is the denomination, "4 Cuartos." The stamps and documents referred to were captured by an American army officer in the course of his soldierly duties, from whose hands the present owner received them. We should like to have confirmation of our idea that this stamp has been discussed as a candidate for recognition during those well-remembered days when the general interest as well as philatelic interest in Philippine developments was at a high tension.

Stamp Label—A reminder of the past comes to notice in the shape of a label that has some claims for attention from philatelists to-day who care for side-lines. The label which has been sent for inspection by Mr. M. J. Luce, New Orleans, is lettered in dark blue in four lines in center: "½ Cent—Stamps Sold Only by—Gordon McKay—Boston." In the upper label is the line: "Patented Aug. 14, 1860," and the same inscription is repeated at bottom. On either side is: "Half Cent." In each corner is: "½." The impression is on a groundwork of ten lines, each one of which reads in minute letters: "Half Cent Half Cent Half." We have no information regarding the purpose that this label served but it is probable that the "stamp" is known to a few old-timers and that Gordon McKay easily will be identified. It is needless to say that any advertising device or convenience intended to supply the accommodation afforded by the half-cent, whose coinage was stopped several years before the date on the label under notice, such as this would be immediately squelched by the postal authorities to-day.

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Shy—Mr. W. H. Zimmer, Portland, Oregon, in a very interesting letter, inspired by Mr. Goodwin's article, comments upon the proverbial scarcity of the five-cent 1847, United States. Although he has collected stamps "from childhood up" (and been a subscriber to the WEEKLY for over fifteen years) he has been impressed by the coyness and self-effacing qualities of the stamps. Mr. Zimmer says it is difficult enough to get one of each of the stamps let alone all the varieties mentioned by Mr. Goodwin but he ends his little homily by the comforting words: "Hoping however, that Mr. Goodwin does not discontinue his series of articles on account of a little thing like this, and wishing you all possible success." etc.

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Cent or Nothing—A correspondent unburdens himself: "The other day while in a dealer's establishment, a chap actually bought before my very eyes, a current ten pfennig, Germany for one cent and the dealer took the money. Isn't this worth an editorial?" It is supposed that it is intended that intense indignation be heaped on the head of the dealer but somehow when we realize that dealers must live on the difference between his income and his expenses, we have not the heart to berate him,—and anyway, the half-cent has not been coined yet (for the second time.)

It is the intention of the Managing Editor of the WEEKLY to attend the convention at Springfield. As in the past he will be pleased to hold the proxies of his friends who cannot be present and will execute any commissions placed with him.

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The Patrons.—The Right Hon. Herbert Samuel, M. P., His Majesty's Postmaster General, has kindly consented to become the Patron of the Exhibition.

Vice-Patrons.—The Rt. Hon. Sydney Buxton, President of the Board of Trade, Sir Joseph Ward, Bart., Sir J. Henniker Heaton, Bart., and the Hon. Harry Lawson, M. P. (of the *Daily Telegraph*) are Vice-patrons.

Many Visitors coming from Abroad.—Owing to the large number of notifications received from collectors abroad of their intention to *personally* visit the Exhibition, it has been deemed advisable to enlarge the scheme of entertainment. In addition to the usual attractions of the Exhibition, an interesting programme of festivities is being arranged for the entertainments of visitors.

Modifications in the Competitions.—Several modifications of the original draft of the scheme of Competition have been adopted on the numerous suggestions received from friends of the Society.

In the first place the Championship Class will be open to anybody, but in cases where exhibits have already gained *gold medal awards* at any international philatelic exhibition in *Great Britain* they can only be entered in the Championship Class.

The three sections of Class G for "Single Issues Specialised," have been levelled up as regards the awards. A gold and silver medal is now offered for a typographed issue (instead of a silver and two bronze medals as in the draft). This advance may be regarded as the outcome of very recent highly specialised studies of certain stamps of this class.

In Class I two additional sections have been added covering General Collections of British Colonial Stamps, unused (Section 4); and used, or unused and used together (Section 5). One Gold, one Silver and one Bronze Medal is offered in each of these two added Sections.

The Model Stamp Factory.—Important announcements concerning the establishment of the Model Stamp Factory at the Exhibition will be made during August. The promoters of the Exhibition confidently anticipate that this section of the display will be of a most practical and instructive nature and will be the means of attracting many thousands of visitors to see the latest stamp-printing processes in full operation. Visitors will have the opportunity of seeing the processes used for rapid modern stamp printing on a gigantic scale, especially as used for the stamps of Great Britain. Such an exhibit has never been presented to the philatelic public before.

The Art Contest.—Probably the exhibition scheme which has aroused the greatest enthusiasm so far, is the Contest for a Prize Design for an Improved British Stamp. From the correspondence that this competition has brought in from all parts of the world, it is expected that important and practical benefits may result from the experiment. Artists and others who desire to compete have still some weeks in which to complete their designs and may obtain full particulars of the competition and prizes from the Hon. Secretary, Mr. H. F. Johnson, 44 Fleet Street, London, E. C.

Invitation Cards.—Owing to the long distance from which many of the Visitors are coming to attend the Exhibition the invitation cards have already been prepared, and are now being circulated. Visitors from abroad are especially requested to put themselves in communication with the Central Office of the Exhibition immediately on arrival, and to notify the Hon. Secretary of their London addresses, that late notices etc., may be duly forwarded to them.

WITH THE BOY PHILATELIST.

Edited by BERTRAM W. H. POOLE, Box 231, Altadena, Calif.

We propose to insert upon this page matter that will be of interest to the boy collector. Some two thousand boys are now on our mailing list and it is our desire to come closely in contact with them in such a manner as will be most helpful. Any information desired will be cheerfully rendered through these columns. Do not submit stamps for examination.

UNITED STATES QUERIES.

During the last few weeks my mail has contained a number of questions relating to United States stamps and in answering many correspondents this week I cannot do better than take these first.

No. 1. "What and where are the secret marks of the 1c, 2c, and 3c stamps of 1873?"

This is a query that should not have to be answered here for the explanation given in Scott's catalogue is clear and ample and every active collector should certainly possess a catalogue. The 1c has a small dash in the pearl immediately to the left of the large numeral "1" at the base. The 2c has a tiny diagonal line under the scroll at the left of "U. S." The 3c has heavy shading below the lower part of the tail of the ribbon under the letters "RE" of "three."

No. 2. "I lately came across a 6c of 1879 which seems to have been surcharged in red with wording inside a frame. What is this?"

I cannot say without having some idea of the lettering in the frame but one thing is quite sure—it is not a surcharge. It is a mark which has probably been struck on the stamp purely by accident.

No. 3. "Are the Banks to be allowed to give the Postal Savings stamps out or will it be prohibited?"

As the Savings Bank is a "Postal" one with its offices at the Post Offices in various towns it is hardly likely that private concerns will have anything to do with distributing the stamps.

No. 4. "Will you please tell me what business any self-respecting U. S. 2c stamp, style of 1908-9, has to be parading on paper with a well-defined Crown watermark It is carmine and imperforate, rather a dark shade."

I do not know anything about this and would like to see the stamp.

No. 5. "What is the Shermack perforation?"

A private perforation applied to stamps used in a certain make of automatic stamp-vending machine.

No. 6. "Is there any commemorative issue of U. S. stamps in sight. If so of what event?"

Yes, a set of special stamps is to be issued to commemorate the opening of the Panama Canal and the World's Panama-Pacific Exposition to be held at San Francisco in 1915. The stamps are likely to be ready and placed on sale some time before 1915, however.

SEDANG.

Mr. A. Asscherick sends a sketch of a stamp inscribed with the name "Sedang" and asks to what country it belongs. This is a well known imposter that turns up periodically and generally puzzles inexperienced collectors. The stamps are bogus and were "issued" in 1889 at the instance of a French adventurer—an ex-officer of the French navy named De Mayrena—who endeavored to make people believe he was emperor of the kingdom of Sedang. Sedang is a small tract of land adjoining the French possession of Annam and one day De Mayrena turned up at Hong Kong and announced he was King Marie I of the Sedangs. He was a man of fine appearance and as the French Consul vouched for his credentials he was soon made much of. He instituted the "Order of Marie I" and was such a plausible individual that he succeeded in conferring this "decoration" on the then Governor of Hong Kong. King Marie had a set of seven stamps printed in Paris, ostensibly for use in his dominions, but in reality for the exploitation of stamp collectors. These were in a currency of "maths" of his own invention and that a large number were sold is evident from the frequency with which the labels turn up in old collections. Shortly after the stamps were put on the market their history became public and De Mayrena fled from Hong Kong.

SHORT REPLIES.

Mrs. C. F. B. (Berkeley, Cal.).—Your Japanese and Straits Settlements stamps with the alleged "surcharges" are merely stamps that have been marked with the initials of the firms using them as a small protection against the petty pilfering of employes. (2) I don't think you should have any real difficulty in distinguishing between the U. S. 3c stamps of 1870 and 1873. The catalogue illustrations and explanations are clear and comparison of a number of copies should soon put you on the right track.

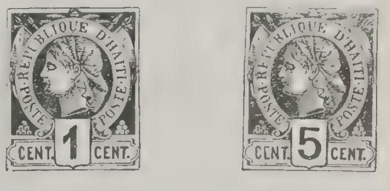
Dr. C. F. R. (Garrison, Neb.).—I fancy the Aguinaldo stamp of which you send a sketch is a bogus variety.

A. E. L. (Albany, N. Y.).—The Nicaraguan stamps can be sold at such a tremendous sacrifice from their nominal facial value simply because they are demonetised remainders. (2) An explanation of precancelled stamps appeared in these columns only a few weeks ago. (3) I really cannot "pierce the veil of the future" and tell you whether or no the U. S. Government will allow stamp papers to illustrate United States stamps in this country. (4) No, the Special Delivery stamps of other countries will not secure the special delivery of a letter in the States. (5) The private stamps of the Red Cross Society, Civilian Rifle Clubs, etc. of Portugal frank the domestic mail of the Societies accorded the privilege of issuing the franks. (6) Though Lisbon is the capital of Portugal it has no connection with the "Lisbon Superfine" paper used for printing certain New Zealand stamps. It is merely the trade name under which a certain paper is sold. (7) The Life Insurance stamps of New Zealand are an official issue and frank the mail of this Government department. (8) The word "Provisorio" simply means "Provisional."

H. H. (Valley Bend, W. Va.).—The marks you describe are all postmarks and have no particular interest or value.

LIBERTY HEADS OF HAYTI.

Various theories have been put forward as to the method of production of the "Liberty Head" stamps of Hayti. At first they were thought to have been lithographed, but any specimen, when closely examined, points to another process having been employed. There is none of that smooth appearance which is essential to a lithograph, and in many cases the paper is very deeply dented by the figure of value. In *Le Timbre Poste* of May and July, 1899, M. Moens gives some interesting data with regard to the production of these stamps. A Haytian sculptor (M. Laforesterie) is said to have designed them, and a die was engraved on wood by M. J. Richard, of Paris. The plates were made up of electrotypes. The shield which contains the figure of value in the completed design was at first left blank. It is stated by M. Moens that these shields were filled up by moveable plugs, thus indicating that there was only one plate, and that the plugs were altered for each value. This theory I am afraid I do not agree with. In every one of the fifty stamps on the plate of each value the position of the figure of value varies, and the edges of the plug in the shield are more or less defined by lines of colour. But taking a stamp of any one value in any particular position on the plate, it will be found that in all copies of that stamp the figure in the shield is always in exactly the same position.



This shows that if the plugs were altered for printing each value, and only one plate was used, the whole number printed of each value must have been done in one printing. This is hardly likely, and a study of the stamps will, I think, show that it was not the method employed. Supposing the 1c were all printed first and the 20c last, it would mean that the 1c would be only from the early state of the plate and the 20c from the last, but this is not the case. It is posible to find both these and all the other values in early and late states. There is another point against the use of one plate only, and that is that in each value it is possible to find flaws and defects in the design itself, apart from the shield, which are peculiar to each value. My idea is that a separate plate was made for each value from the original plate with vacant spaces in the shield for the value plugs. Some of the values exist in such different shades that there must have been more than one printing of these values.

The next point to be considered is the number of panes on the sheet. M. Moens says that there were six panes of fifty arranged in three rows of two panes. Before the stamps were printed the paper received a lithographic impression in colour. It will be seen that on the margins of the panes there are certain more or less circular marks which were on the extreme edge of the coloured impression. These will help us to decide how many panes there were on each sheet of paper. At present it is possible to say that there were at least four, as in the collection you will see two panes *tête-bêche* of the one centime, and there are others with the circular marks on the margins which show that there were at least two more different panes.

As a matter of fact, the probabilities seem more in favour of the sheet containing four panes instead of six, as the numbers given for the printings of each value are divisible by two hundred but not by three hundred. In any case, if the sheet contained six panes of fifty, it would be more likely that there were two rows of three panes instead of three rows of two panes, as all the so-called *tête-bêche* pairs and sheets have the lower parts of the stamps towards each other.

The numbers printed were:—

1c, 300,000	5c, 150,000
2c, 150,000	7c, 250,000
3c, 150,000	20c, 25,000

According to these figures one would expect the 20c to be by far the scarcest value and this is borne out by experience. The 5c is very nearly as rare as the 20c in unused condition, but very much more common used. One would expect the 7c to be a good deal commoner than the 2c and 3c, but this is not the case.

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CHRONICLE OF NEW ISSUES AND VARIETIES

Edited by Henry A. Kidder.

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United States.—E. D. Shove reports finding a size 5 envelope, 2c carmine on amber, Die C, old knife, watermarked "U S 1911."

Colombia.—The *Diario Oficial* of April 16, gives a full account of the destruction of old issues of stamps, which took place at Bogota on Sept. 28 and Nov. 23, 1911. The number burned was 10,903,460, but the definite issues is not known.

Denmark.—The 5 ore value has now been printed in the figure type made familiar for the low values of the current set since 1905. The paper is watermarked crown and the stamps are perforated 13.

Adhesive.

5 ore dark green.

France.—*Offices in Morocco.*—The new set of stamps announced some time ago has been issued, specimens of the six lower values having been shown us by the New England Stamp Co. As previously announced the design is similar to the smaller stamps of the Somaliland Protectorate, in that it shows a Moorish arch and opening out beyond it a town with a tower, houses and a palm tree. The stamps are of small size, like the earlier Colonial issues, and the colors are of the nondescript character so much affected in the latter day French stamp printing. The effect is mediocre, and not at all pleasing. The inscriptions are all in Arabic Characters, the values being expressed in mouzanas.

Adhesives.

1m gray.
2m pale violet.
5m blue green.
10m brick red.
25m blue.
50m gray violet.

Gilbert and Ellice Islands.—Credit should also have been given to James A. Galbraith in No. 1124 for having shown us the 5d, 6d and 1sh values with portrait of King George.

Great Britain.—*Marsh's Circular* reports having found a plate variety of the current 3d King Edward stamp, Harrison print, in which the outer line of the design is missing in two places at the right side, the first being just below the square at the right top corner and the second the lower third of the tablet block. There can be no doubt as to its being a regular variety, as both used and unused stamps showing the variety have been found. In some examples there appear fine lines or hairlines in place of the two breaks, but most of the examples show the two breaks very distinctly.

Guatemala.—The Guatemalan authorities are to return to the use of special stamps for official correspondence. It is not proposed, however, to issue a special series of stamps as in 1902, but the current stamps will be surcharged with the word "Oficial." The official stamps will not be sold to the public, according to the official decree.

Kedah.—The new stamps have now come to hand, specimens having been shown us by the New England Stamp Co. and Whitfield King & Co. There are two sizes and three designs. The values from 1c to 8c are of small size and show a shock of padi, or newly cut rice. The values from 10c to 50c are a large oblong, 24x29 mm., and show a native plowing with a yoke of bullocks. The dollar values are of the same size and shape as the higher cent values, the central picture showing the Government Council House. The whole set is beautifully engraved and printed, on multiple CA paper, and perforated 14. The smaller design has the figures of value in all four corners, with "Postage & Revenue" at the left, "Kedah" at the bottom and native characters at the top and right. The higher cent values show an oblong oval, with the figures of value in the lower corners, and the inscriptions arranged as in the lower values. The dollar values have the frame square at the bottom with an oval top, the arrangement of figures and inscriptions being the same as in the previous design.

Adhesives.

1c green and black.
3c carmine and black.
5c yellow brown and gray green.
8c bright ultramarine and black.
10c sepia and blue.
20c green and black.
30c carmine and black.
40c red lilac and black.
50c blue and brown.
$1 carmine and black.
$2 brown and green.
$3 blue and black on blue.
$5 red and black on blue.

Newfoundland.—Harvey E. Nichols writes as follows:

"While much has been said regarding the error of the 6 cent stamp of Newfoundland, Guy issue, in spelling 'colonization' with an 's' instead of a 'z'. I have never seen chronicled in the Weekly the fact that the word 'colonizing' in the inscription at the bottom of the 2 cent of the same issue is misspelled 'colonising'. I do not know whether the error was corrected in later printings or not."

Philippines.—The 2p on the watermarked paper has been shown us by Whitfield King & Co. It was announced some time ago that this stamp had been printed and supplied to the Philippine Government, but that there was still on hand a good supply of the old 2p black, and therefore the new stamps were not to be issued until the old stock was used up. However, a few seem to have leaked out, as usual in such cases.

Adhesive.

2p brown violet.

Russia.—The Ames Stamp Co. sends us the following information, just received from a correspondent in St. Petersburg:

The new set of stamps, that is to be issued to commemorate the tercennary of the reigning dynasty of the Romanoffs, has been approved as follows:

1k orange; Peter the Great.
2k green; Alexander II.
3k rose; Alexandre III.
4k red; Peter I.
7k blue; Nicholas II.
10k blue; Nicolas II.
14k olive; Katherine the Great.
15k light brown; Nicolai II.
20k brown; Alexei Michailowitsch.
25k olive; Alexander I.
35k dark blue; Paul I.
50k brown; Elizabeth Petrowna.
70k light green; Michail Tedorowitsch.

On the rouble values the winter palace will be represented.

St. Lucia.—Our English contemporaries report having seen the 6d, with portrait of King George. It is printed on chalky multiple paper.

Adhesive.

6d lilac and mauve.

Surinam.—We are indebted to Hermann Focke for a cover, with a specimen of the 12½c provisional chronicled last week, also for information regarding the same, confirming that sent by others.

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2c carmine, perf. 8½ vertically	.12
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2c carm., perf. 8½ vert., joined ends	.15
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terprising young Society to perform the work has been amply proved by the complete success that, as is admitted on all hands, attended the Congress held at Margate from the 1st to the 3rd May in the present year. The meetings were attended by nearly one hundred philatelists representing upwards of forty Societies, and, for the first time I believe, ladies were to be found amongst the delegates. The representatives of our Society on this occasion were Messrs. R. B. Yardley, Baron Percy de Worms, Mr. L. L. R. Hausburg, and Mr. L. W. Fulcher, the last named taking the place of Mr. M. P. Castle, who was unfortunately unable to attend owing to ill-health. The arrangements, both for the business of the meetings and for the housing and entertainment of the delegates, were all that could be desired, and our congratulations are due to our fellow member, Mr. Leon Adutt, as the Chairman, and to his able assistants on the Committee of the Isle of Thanet Society on the success attending the Fourth Philatelic Congress.

Amongst other business transacted the Permanent Committee was continued and the hands of the Forgery Committee were strengthened by a vote of funds to provide the expenses necessarily incurred by that Committee. The Committee on Philatelic Terms reported the completion of the Glossary to which they have devoted so much time and trouble, and it was decided to accept the offer made by Messrs. Stanley Gibbons, Ltd., to publish the Glossary, which will accordingly be available at an early date for consideration and criticism by philatelists, if and so far as this last may be necessary. A proposal for the establishment of a Postal Museum and a Central Philatelic Rendezvous in London was discussed and referred to a Committee for consideration of the possibility of the necessary arrangements being feasible, and for report at the next Congress.

The places for future meetings of Congress have been fixed for several years to come, and that for 1914 will be held in London at the invitation of our Society.

The holding of the first Philatelic Congress of Australasia is worthy of note as evidence of the continued increase of interest in Philately in distant parts of the Empire.

There have been several Philatelic Exhibitions during the period covered by my reports. Of these the most important was the International Exhibition held at Vienna, which proved so great a success that it was prolonged for some days beyond the time originally allotted to it. It is gratifying to be able to record that several of our members succeeded in carrying off a number of gold and other medals and awards in the various competitions arranged.

A section was also devoted to stamps at the International Exhibition at Turin, and proved attractive to a large number of visitors, as well as securing the useful purpose of increasing the popularity of Philately in Italy.

The British Guiana Philatelic Society also organized an Exhibition at Georgetown which, under the able management of our friend and fellow member, Mr. A. D. Ferguson, proved a very great success, and another Exhibition was held in Sydney in connection with the Congress. The holding of these and other Exhibitions in America and elsewhere all tends to show the world-wide interest taken in the pursuit to which we are devoted.

Exhibitions of an international character have already been announced to be held in New York in 1913, and in San Francisco so far ahead as 1915.

It was with some regret that it was decided that the Royal Philatelic Society was unable to accept an invitation to join one of the Committees of and to assist in other directions in the forthcoming Jubilee International Philatelic Exhibition to be shortly held in London under the direction and management of the Junior Philatelic Society. Although we entertain the friendliest feelings for that Society and every wish for its continued success in its undertakings, it was felt that there would of necessity be some misunderstanding as to our Society's position and intentions in regard to its own periodical International Exhibitions, and especially as regards the competitions in its championship class, if the name of our Society were used in connection with an exhibition of a professedly similar character held under the auspices of another *London* Society.

In my last report I called attention to the signs of increasing public interest being taken in Philately. In this respect the inclusion in the list of the recipients of Coronation Honours of the name of our Vice-President, Mr. M. P. Castle, was a source of peculiar gratification to all, both as marking the first public recognition of philately, and as conferring distinction upon one who has for so long a period rendered such valuable services to the Royal Philatelic Society, London, and to the whole community of philatelists. It is fitting that I should record the hearty congratulations of his fellow members to Mr. Castle upon the honour thus conferred upon him.

The good work done by the Manchester Philatelic Society is recognized and appreciated by all, and I may, I am sure, be permitted to offer our congratulations to that Society on the attainment of its majority in the present year, together with the expression of our sincere hopes that it may long continue its career of prosperity and usefulness.

Our congratulations are also due to our esteemed fellow member, Baron de Reuterskiöld, on the well-merited recognition of his services to Philately in the award to him of the Lindenberg medal for last year.

The most important sale of stamps in the past season has been that of the various collections formed by our President, with the exception of those of Great Britain and the United States of America—universally acknowledged to be the best in the world—which are still retained by the owner. It is gratifying to know that many of the collections will not be broken up, and that several of them, having been secured in their entirety by English collectors, will still remain in this country.

Amongst the philatelic discoveries of importance during the season special mention may be made of the finding of an unused copy of the 1d error (blue) Cape "Woodblock," to keep company with the 4d (red) stamp of the same issue, which has been known for some time past, these two being so far the only known copies of the "Woodblock" errors that have yet been discovered in unused condition.

The destruction of a large portion of the notorious "Seebeck" plates has removed from Philately an objectionable feature in regard to the issues of stamps, which it is trusted may never again be imitated in the future history of any stamp-producing countries.

To our regret several connections with the past have been severed by the deaths during the year of Mr. T. W. Chevely and Mr. C. H. Nunn amongst others of our own compatriots of M. Bernichon and M. Dorsan Astruc of France, Herr Haas of Germany, and Herr Kropf of Austria (both Lindenberg medallists), and Mr. W. J. Gardner of America, all of them philatelists held in high esteem in their respective countries throughout the long period devoted bv each of them to philately.

The development of the new process of surface-printing from steel plates, as employed by Messrs. Perkins Bacon and Co. for some of the New Zealand stamps will be watched with some interest. The advantages claimed for the system remain to be proved, but if, as I am credibly informed, upwards of one million impressions of entire sheets have been already taken from one of the plates in use in New Zealand, there can be no doubt that the increased life of the plates of itself forms a point of considerable importance in favour of the new system.

In regard to public matters affecting the postal administration, the experimental introduction of the use of aeroplanes in the postal service is deserving of passing comment. The reforms proposed in the postal relations of Great Britain and France have not yet matured, chiefly owing to financial considerations, but I am pleased to note that M. Chaumet, the French Postmaster-General, who has recently been on a visit to London, is hopeful of a practical solution being attained by easy stages, commencing with a three-halfpenny tariff between the two countries.

I have left to the last the question of the issue of the postage stamps of our own country for the present reign. At the date of my last report we were eagerly anticipating the advent of the new stamps, and the two lowest values were placed on sale on Coronation day. Our hopes and expectations were doomed to disappointment, and the appearance of the stamps was universally greeted with a chorus of disapproval. It is generally admitted on all hands that, alike in design and execution, the stamps were unworthy of the reputation of the nation, and that we were entitled to expect something vastly superior, especially as great economy was not an absolute essential in view of the enormous trading profits earned in the operation of our postal administration. We had been led to believe that at least a faithful and pleasing likeness of the King would have been provided, and it should not have been difficult to properly reproduce the excellent portrait chosen for the purpose, but even in this respect our expectations have been unfulfilled.

There were many misgivings when it became known that the production of the new issues were to be undertaken under the joint control of three separate departments instead of one as heretofore, and that the preparation of the dies and plates were to be entrusted to the authorities of the Mint, who, however, competent in their own proper work, were without practical experience in the requirements for the manufacture of postage stamps, but, at the same time, it was never for one moment anticipated that so complete a failure would have resulted.

It is fair to say that the authorities are themselves far from satisfied with the results attained, and that after strenuous endeavours and numerous experiments in various directions, some slight improvements in the appearance and workmanship of the stamps have been effected.

It was intended to complete the other values of the series to be employed as speedily as possible after the issue of the first two stamps, but, although I believe the necessary preparations were long since made, the issue was postponed in consequence of the difficulties encountered over the ½d and 1d stamps, and a further postponement became necessary on the decision being arrived at to employ an entirely new head die. It has recently been announced in Parliament that the new values will be forthcoming during the present month, and it is sincerely to be hoped that they may show a marked improvement in all respects, and so make some amends for the disappointment experienced on the appearance of those first issued.—*London Philatelist.*

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THE STAMPS OF SOUTH AND CENTRAL AMERICA.—A WORD IN THEIR FAVQR.

By AL. DE LA TORRE BUENO.

The ignorance regarding the political divisions of certain parts of the world, especially of the Spanish American countries, displayed by the average man is indeed appalling, but when we find that this ignorance also prevails among stamp collectors (I use the phrase "stamp collectors" advisedly, as the true philatelist is thoroughly posted in such matters), it is not alone appalling, but heart rending.

In South America there are eleven republics, each as free and independent from each other and from the outside world as are the United States; in Central America there are five republics, also free and independent, though at one time they tried the experiment of the República Mayor de Centro América (the Greater Republic of Central America), but this unification of diverse interests did not prove a success, and it was not long before the five republics were again acting absolutely independent of each other. There is, therefore, a total of sixteen independent republics, without counting the four European colonies with which this article has nothing to do, in Central and South America.

The average person classes all of South and Central America as one country, and whatever political disturbance may occur in any one of the republics is said to be in South America, thus, through ignorance, effecting a vast territory comprising nearly a score of free and sovereign nations. This same state of affairs seems to obtain among stamp collectors. It is not fair, however, that on account of the fact that some of the practices employed by a few of these countries have been most reprehensible, from a philatelic standpoint, that they should all suffer from the approbrium which should attach only to the few culprits.

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Even uncancelled stamps bought at the post offices of these countries during the year of issue, and which can be distinguished from those printed after the regular issue had been demonetized, are looked upon askance on account of the sale of the remainders, and these countries, as a whole, are in bad odor. But why should this feeling spread and embrace the whole of South and Central America? Why?—merely on account of the lamentable lack of knowledge of their political divisions.

As stated above there are but four countries in all South and Central America—one, Ecuador, in South America and three, San Salvador, Nicaragua and Honduras, in Central America—which rightly belong to the "Seebeck" group, or in other words, but one-fourth of all the Spanish American countries, yet all suffer from the odium which should attach only to these four.

I repeat, is it fair because one-fourth of the countries have earned for themselves an unenviable philatelic reputation and that merely embracing a certain period of their issues—1890 to 1898—that all, or say the other three-fourths,

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should be classified with them and suffer the approbium which attaches to the "Seebeck" countries?

The limited demand for South and Central American stamps, which now seems to be on the increase, indicates clearly that they have all been placed under the ban, and yet we can start down the east coast of South America, beginning with Brazil and continuing with Uruguay, Paraguay and the Argentine Republic and we find that these countries are absolutely free from speculative issues or errors made to order, and that as a matter of fact they contain nothing but straightforward government issues.

Coming up the west coast we find that conditions are not quite so promising. Chile is an absolutely clean country, with the exception of the Juan Fernandez issue, the work of an unscrupulous official which miscarried. Peru has nothing to blush for philatelically. Whatever may be said about certain issues can attach no odium to the postal authorities of the country, as it was the work of an invading foe—Chile—which held the postoffices for some time. Even the counterfeits are the work of Chilians. In 1895 there appeared a provisional issue in the North of Peru the status of which is somewhat doubtful, beyond this there is no blot on the escutcheon.

Benighted Bolivia in her interior fastness has not developed sufficiently in worldly wisdom to attempt to exploit the philatelist by issuing speculative issues and unnecessary surcharges; her stamps are crude, but the issues are bona fide.

The United States of Colombia should blush for its postal department, not on account of its methods but on account of its system which allows each state to have its separate stamps, thus making it about the most prolific stamp producing country in the world and a nightmare to the collector. No reproach attaches to the Republic of Panama.

Some of the issues of Venezuela unfortunately verge very near the "Seebeck" class.

In Central America we have Guatemala and Costa Rica as two countries against which nothing can be said to their discredit.

It is an easy matter to separate the wheat from the tares in all these countries, even in the "Seebeck countries;" but if the philatelist has not the required knowledge he can buy it by purchasing all stamps which he may have a doubt about from some absolutely reliable dealer upon whose knowledge he may depend, and who will, in the case of the more rare stamps give a guarantee as to their genuineness. The difference in the cost of the stamps will be a cheap price to pay for his knowledge and for the certainty of having none but genuine stamps. Again the collector can cull these undesirable issues—the ugly ducklings of philately—and still leave many valuable and interesting philatelic treasures in all these "Seebeck" countries.

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10 Tunis	09	1000 Foreign	1.99	50 French "	35
25 China	30	200 Foreign	10	1000 Mixed	18
50 Italy	19	300 Foreign	25	1000 Hinges	05
5 Cyprus	05	10 Ecuador	07	100 S. America	40
8 Hawaii	19	4 Borneo	10	10 Gold Coast	20
10 Crete	15	10 Peru	04	10 Nicaragua	08
10 Turkey	08	6 Fijii	15	20 New Zealand	10
20 "	07	5 Malta	06	10 Salvador	10
50 "	45	20 Russia	10	50 Australia	09
10 Chili	08	50 Spain	11	10 Queensland	05
4 Congo	05	4 Hayti	05	10 Roumania	05
30 Persia	39	4 Azores	05	25 Bulgaria	19
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A STUDY IN VALUATIONS.

By HUBERT LYMAN CLARK.

During a recent vacation, I had the opportunity to go over at my leisure three stamp collections and I undertook the pleasant task of pricing them by the 1911 and then by the 1912 Standard Catalog. The results proved of so much interest to the owners of the collections and to myself that it occurred to me your readers also might be interested.

The smallest collection consists of about 2500 stamps, used and unused, in three sections; United States (including some cheap revenues) and colonies; British Empire; the rest of the world. For convenience we will call the latter "Foreign." In these sections, no distinction is made between nineteenth and twentieth century stamps. The United States section catalogs by the 1912 list, about $42.00 which is an increase of 12% over its valuation by last year's list. The British section catalogs $47.30, an increase of 14% over 1911. The Foreign section catalogs $78.45, which is an increase of 17% over its 1911 value. It will be noticed that this collection is made up of cheap stamps; indeed there are only nine stamps in it cataloging a dollar or more. The most interesting point is that the United States stamps have increased in value the least, while the "Foreign" show a decidedly greater increase than the British.

The second collection consists of over five thousand stamps, cataloging well over a thousand dollars. There are many stamps catalogued at over five dollars each. Both used and unused stamps are included, but the collection is divided into two sections, nineteenth and twentieth century. There are nearly two thousand twentieth century stamps, chiefly from English speaking countries. They catalog almost $250.00 and show an increase over 1911 of 16%. The nineteenth century stamps (nearly 3300) catalog about $800, but curiously enough show an increase of only 6½%. This seems to me very odd, for the collection, while weak in French and Portuguese colonies, is otherwise fairly representative.

The third collection consists of more than 8000 stamps, cataloging over $1450. This collection consists wholly of *used* stamps, the owner having little interest in mint specimens. There is no separation of nineteenth from twentieth century stamps. The valuation of this collection has increased during the year some 14%.

It seems to me from my examination of these collections that three conclusions may fairly be drawn:

(1) Postage stamps are a remarkably good investment. Suppose we say the selling value of these collections is only one-fourth or one-fifth of their catalog value, the fact remains that their intrinsic value has increased 10-15%. That is much better than many far more hazardous investments.

(2) Used stamps are fully as desirable property as unused. This conclusion is confirmed by the study of separate countries in the catalog. For example, Netherlands unused have gone up about 17½%, the used about 16%; Jamaica, unused have gone up about 30%, used about 48%, if one counts *unpriced* used stamps at value of unused; Wurtemberg, unused have gone up 16%, but the used have gone up 50%!

(3) Twentieth century stamps seem to be increasing in value more rapidly than nineteenth. In Jamaica, the nineteenth century stamps have increased about 20%, but those of the twentieth have boomed and average over 100% higher. The stamps of New Hebrides listed in last year's catalog are now priced 129% higher! This, by the way, is the largest increase I have noted for any country. It seems to me probable that the reason for the apparent boom in twentieth century stamps, is not the greater demand for them, but the fact that the prices of the nineteenth century stamps represent more nearly the actual value of the stamp, based on definite knowledge as to its relative abundance or scarcity, while the prices of twentieth century are based on much less definite knowledge and are consequently bound to undergo violent changes.

In conclusion it may be of interest to add that many stamps, chiefly of the twentieth century, have increased several hundred per cent. in value. Thus New Hebrides No. 15 has risen 800%, while Jamaica No. 41 has risen 971% unused and 1150% used. I shall be interested to know if anyone can find a more remarkable increase than that.

EDITOR STANTON SAYS:—

It seems to us that never in the history of the A. P. S. has there been so little interest manifested as at present. But one set of officers in the field and the only apparent interest in what plunder can be got out of an official organ. This looks well for the representative American stamp society. What good is the average collector getting from the Society at the present time? We have not seen a report of the Society for months even through "exchange" courtesy. Probably many others have been likewise in the dark. One thing the forthcoming convention should do is to make MEKEEL'S WEEKLY the official organ of the Society on the same terms as formerly.,It would be a great mistake to have any other paper at any price. MEKEEL'S is the only philatelic newspaper.—*Philatelic Tribune.*

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DENVER, COLO., July 31, 1912.

To the Members of the M. P. A.

I am just in receipt of the *Philadelphia Stamp News* from which I learn that Editor Mr. Mann has been nominated for president of the M. P. A. At this writing I have not been favored with a ballot of the M. P. A. or the Year Book, consequently have not known the state of affairs of the Society on this point, altho being Vice President of the Society. I had promised a few friends, members of the M. P. A. that I would allow my name to be used for president, providing no other candidate could be found to accept the nomination.

I feel that an injustice has been done me in this respect; as I was more than willing to drop out of sight in the M. P. A., providing, someone could be found to lead the Association on to greater victories and a greater success.

Without notice, my name has been added to the ballot for president in opposition to Mr. Mann (as I learn thru the press) and I herewith respectfully withdraw my name, (it having never been placed on the ballot with my consent, under the circumstances) in favor of Mr. Mann. I trust that the members of the M. P. A. will give Mr. Mann a unanimous vote.

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CHAPTER VI.

12 Cents, 1851-1860, Imperforate.

HISTORICAL.

Issue authorized, March 3, 1851.
Issued to postmasters, July 1, 1851.
Number of plates, 2 (Nos. 1-2).
Issued Perforated Feb. ——, 1857.
Number of plates, 1 (No. 1).

About the most uninteresting stamp for study found in the second issue of our postal history is that of the 12 cent, both imperforate and perforated. Black never was a thing of beauty, and when this is coupled to a stamp which possesses no plate or line varieties worthy of mention, it becomes one of those things which a collector hurries to fill up the blank space and forgets that he has it. This stamp has the disadvantage of a full rectangular engraving, and for that reason it is seldom found well centered.

The catalog quotes two varieties—perforated and imperforate—and no shades. A variety designated is the stamp bisected, used as six cents. Practically two stamps completes the issue, so why study?

To the specialist, however, a little larger sphere of study is opened up than the catalog affords. Each variety comes in three distinct shades, making six regularly recognized collectible stamps.

Then, too, it is found in the different perforations of those before mentioned, i. e., 15 and 15½. As each of these perforation varieties exists all around, and in combination horizontally and vertically, one can put 24 stamps into his collection without duplicating.

Add to this the trial printings, the reprint, the India and cardboard proofs, and a broken outerline to left, a pair, and the bisected stamp, one has made up a very respectable collection of this abominable looking "sticker."

It is said that the stamp, imperforate, exists on the watermarked paper, mentioned in connection with the 1 cent and 3 cent of the same issue.

Penmarked, black and red cancellations are about even in their commonness. A Paid or Carrier (used on parcel) cancellation is worth a considerable premium. A year-dated postmark is quite rare. I have never seen a green cancellation.

Shades in each variety are: Gray black, black, and deep heavy black.

Check list, as I collect this stamp:

12 CENT 1851-1860.
Imperforate.

Three shades.
Cancellations.
Broken outerline at left.
Pair.
Trial printings.
Proof on India paper.
Cardboard proof.

Perforated.

Shades.
Cancellations.
Perforated 15 all around.
Perforated 15½ all around.
Perforated 15 vertically, 15½ horizontally.
Perforated 15½ vertically, 15 horizontally.
Reprint—perforated 12.

24 Cent 1851-1860.

Issued, June 15, 1860.
Number of plates, 1 (No. 1).

The comparative scarcity of this and the two higher denominations of this stamp precludes any wide study. I doubt if much satisfaction could be had if one possessed a thousand to examine, so little is the variation in color or plate differences. Mr. Luff designates the shades as red lilac, lilac, gray lilac, gray, slate, blackish violet, dull red lilac. My advice to collectors is to watch the stamps offered, and if they find a shade which differs materially from those they have, to gather it in, with no attempt to classify the shades.

The stamp is said to have been issued imperforate for postal use. This is a moot question which few of my readers will care to discuss. Few will ever possess the stamp other than in proof form, imperforate, so why discuss at length whether it was or was not so used?

I am confident that the stamp was only perforated 15, but in this I may be mistaken. Have never had opportunity to measure any great number of them—all were 15. So, until proof to the contrary is forthcoming I will fondly dream that I do not need many more to round up the complete issue. Check list:

24 CENT. 1851-1860.

Shades.
Cancellations.
Reprint.
Trial printings.
Proof on India paper.
Card board proof.

30 Cent 1851-1860.

Issued August 12, 1860.
Number of plates, 1 (No. 1).

With the exception of the shades the remarks above will cover all that I can say of the 30 cent stamp, I will amend this with the statement that it exists in black printing, said to have been delivered to at least one postoffice and used postally. I have seen one copy of this stamp. Personally I should class it as a finished essay, but my say does not "go" in stamp collecting.

The shades are: yellow orange, orange, deep orange.

Use same check list as above.

90 Cent 1851-1860.

Issued August 13, 1860.
Number of plates, 1 (No. 1).

To say much about this stamp is but to repeat what I have already said of the 24 and 30 cent denominations. It comes in two shades—indigo and deep indigo, and in used condition is so rare that few will attempt to collect the different cancellations. The only respectable showing which can be made is to get an unused copy in one shade, a used in another, then add the government reprint, the trial printings, and proofs on India paper and cardboard.

(To be continued.)

A RETRACTION.

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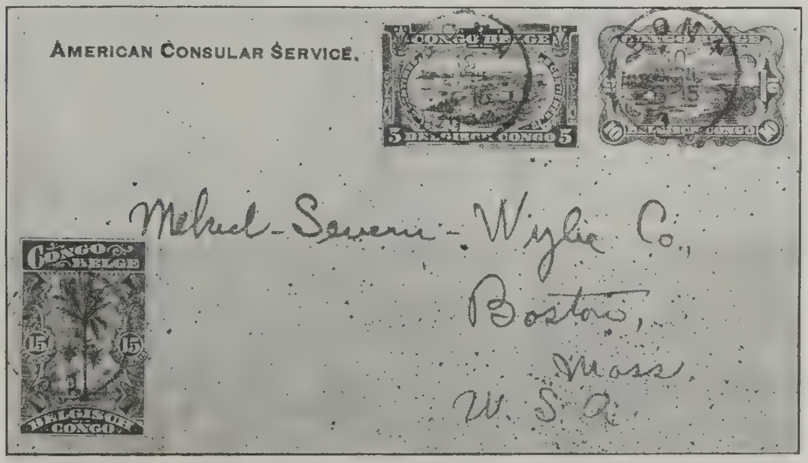

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EDITORIAL.

Possible Choice—We have been given to understand that our suggestion that the discovery of gold at Sutter's mill, California, be selected for portraiture on one of the stamps of the Pacific-Panama set has been received with commendation by one of the gentlemen interested in the choice of designs and that it will be advocated as an alternate subject at least. In choosing the themes for the stamps, the application of the design to the restricted area of the stamp must be borne in mind, and an idea for illustration on the stamp that sounds well does not always look well on the stamp if put into execution. Artists in entering design contests often do not plan their creations on a postage stamp scale and so results then are dubious; in fact, competitions of the kind are known to be disappointing in many cases.

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Good Deeds Will Never Die—Here is a stamp story that shows virtue in the shape of a stamp dealer receiving its own reward. A dealer with a big Saturday afternoon boy trade made it a rule to ask each of his boys on their departure, if they had kept carfare. It need not be explained that the young collector in his enthusiasm sometimes overbuys. One boy replied that he had kept a dime out of his stamp money, as he left for home, but soon after he returned to the stamp-shop and tremblingly said that he had lost the ten cents. "Here," said the dealer, "split this dime and put a nickel in each pocket," whereat the boy breathed a sigh of relief. The next Monday, the dealer had a caller in the person of the boy's father, who said that his son—the apple of his eye—had told him of the dealer's kindness and that he wanted to meet the stamp man. The father said that no one would ever lose by taking the word of the boy, who had insisted that his father pay the debt at once and give back the dime. The father did and a short time later, a box of expensive cigars with the card of the father was received by the dealer. You can never tell what the boy philatelist will develop into,—and he may have a wealthy father.

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One May See It—Our cherished correspondent, Mr. Arthur W. Line, Pasadena, California, relates the following tale that has been reported from India, by one of his collecting friends: "There is a nice little story told in connection with the issue of the new rupee coin and stamps. If you look just above the figure of value on the King George one anna stamp, you will notice a 'thing' that looks like a cross between an elephant and a pig, and which the employment of a little imagination will develop into either. Personally, I think that it resembles an elephant more than a porker but when the new rupee piece was coined some one foolishly or maliciously spread the rumor that the new coin bore the effigy of a pig and that the purpose of it was to defile the Mahometans who touched it, for, as you know, the followers of the prophet are forbidden even to think of pig. The rumor gained great ground and many of the more ignorant natives refused to handle the coin or stamps. At first, it was thought that it would be necessary to recall the issue but the example and advice set and given by the more enlightened natives did away with the necessity for such a move." The object on the stamp in question plainly is to be seen and the peculiarity is rather more striking than some of those that have been chronicled on some of the new stamp issues of the past.

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Tale of Woe—A philatelic ex-publisher writes: "You certainly hit the mark with your editorial in the issue of July 27th, and if I had ever met you, I should have thought that I had told you of my experience and that you were repeating it. My idea in starting my paper was not a selfish one as I intended to use the profits from the venture in improving my collection, which was a good one for those times. My expectations were knocked flat and I was forced to sell my collection in order to obtain the money with which to pay the printer for the second (and last) number. When the subscriptions did not come that Monday morning that you tell about, I felt that some one must have purloined the letters enclosing them. I would have given up but I had heard that the subscriptions always rolled in after the second number of a new paper had appeared. They may have rolled all right but if they did it was not in my direction. Why do you not run a symposium of the experiences of philatelic ex-publishers?"

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Big Doings—Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, has become a philatelic center through the well-measured activity of a number of enthusiastic collectors who are not averse to attracting attention to the philatelic charms of their city. Harrisburg has been chosen as the seat of the convention of the Southern Philatelic Association and the Metropolitan Philatelic Association, respectively. The amalgamation of the two societies will be discussed at the convention and it is hoped that favorable action will be taken as the Southern Philatelic Association no longer cultivates its sectional field but competes with the Metropolitan. Entertainment of an exalted order will be provided at the meeting; and that simon-pure philatelic humorist, L. P. Miller, whose "Stamps of Mars" created a veritable sensation in the centers of polite literature abroad is prepared at a moment's notice to transmute the unbidden tear to a pearl of joy when the deliberations of the delegates become avid and agitated. Then there is A. P. Bodmer, master of both prose and poetry, who will further soften the once tumultuous members by a poem attuned to the hour. Since Mr. Bodmer contributed the following to the *Southern Philatelist,* he is our favorite poet:

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For C. E. Severn's in the editorial chair.

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Up Guards and at Him—B. L. T., whose column in the Chicago *Tribune* is quoted from coast to coast has never shown a fitting regard for philately, we are grieved to say. While he does not besmirch our beloved hobby, outright, yet he likes to give it a smack when it is not looking. When he becomes insufferable in his conduct, the editorialists of the stamp papers seek the offender's scalp. B. L. T.'s latest perpetration is as follows: "Speaking of melodious monickers, Mr. Pingpank is a bookseller in Indianapolis." When it is told that Mr. Carl Pingpank of Indianapolis for many years was a member of the Chicago Philatelic Society and consequently a philatelist of repute, B. L. T.'s stealthy attack on philately is understood. Hold! can it be that we are mistaken and that by the same token, B. L. T. has complimented philately?

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Crete, Postal Emissions of
France, Postal Issues from 1900
German Empire Private Locals
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Hawaii, 1899 5c and 13c and Mss. 5c on 13c
Jamaica, Among the Llandoveries
Mauritius, 1848-59 Locally Eng. and Litho.
Mauritius, 20th Century
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STAMPS OF THE CAYMAN ISLANDS.

By A. Leon Adutt.

The Cayman Islands are a British possession administratively attached to Jamaica, being 178 miles W. N. W. of Negril Point and about equal distance from Cuba. The largest is Grand Cayman, seventeen miles in length. Georgetown, the principal port, has a population of about 2,000; Bodden Town, near, about 1,000; and other smaller towns in the island number a further 1,800, there being in 1907 5,000 people in the island. The Lesser Caymans consist of Little Cayman and Cayman Brac, about sixty miles distant. The word Cayman is generally considered to have been derived from the Carib word "Caiman" meaning an "alligator," which the outline of the principal island is supposed to represent.

The islands were discovered by Columbus in 1494, and were named by him "Las Tortugas"—from the number of turtle which were seen on the shores; and to this day turtle fishing forms the staple industry, large quantities being shipped from all parts of the world, first being distributed from Jamaica. The only communication between these islands is by means of sailing vessels, which call at intervals at Georgetown on their way to and from South American ports, Jamaica, and Cuba. The first mailing arrangements with these islands were made by means of schooners plying at intervals between the ports of Kingston, Jamaica and Georgetown, Grand Cayman, in 1889.

A full and very interesting report of the dependency and the postal affairs and stamps of the Cayman Islands has recently been published in a book written by Mr. D. B. Armstrong, in collaboration with Messrs. C. B. Bostwick and A. J. Watkin, entitled "The Cayman Islands, Their Stamps and Post Office," published at 2s nett. This work must always remain a standard one for reference, and is of great interest to collector and specialist alike, and I am greatly indebted to the same for many of my notes in this paper.

Early in 1907 an inland postal system was started in Grand Cayman. This service has from time to time been extended, and for one year, from 1908 to 1909, a special monthly service of steamships was maintained, the company receiving a subsidy from the Governments of £500. Unfortunately the contract was not renewed, although owing to the rapid growth of the islands it is anticipated that in the near future the service will be resumed.

The first stamps used were those of Jamaica as follows:—

Issue 1883-87. Watermark Crown CA. Perf. 14.

½d green.
1d purple and mauve.
2d green.
2½d dull purple and blue.
4d orange-brown.

Issue 1900. Llandovery Falls.

1d carmine.

Overprinted "Official."

2d grey.

These stamps were current for ten years previous to the first separate postage stamp issue of the Cayman Islands, and are postmarked by various cancelling stamps. Jamaica stamps with the word "Official" printed across them were also used for administrative correspondence. Although numbers of these stamps must have been used, they are exceedingly scarce and very difficult to find; so far I have only succeeded in obtaining eight specimens, of the following values: ½d, two; 1d, two; 2d, one; and 2½d, three.

I show in my specialized collection proofs of each value of the colour trials of the first regular postage stamp issue of the Cayman Islands Queen's Head; they are printed in the accepted colours from the general colonial key-plate, and have the name and value tablets filled in by hand with water-colour paint to show the general effect. These are the only proofs of the Cayman Islands stamps that have been so far discovered.

The First Separate Issue of Postage Stamps.

Instructions were given early in 1900 to the Crown Agents for the Colonies in London for the preparation of an initial series of two values, and supplies of these were printed in England and shipped to Georgetown, being first placed on sale in September of that year. The stamps were of the face value of ½d and 1d, and printed by Messrs. De La Rue and Co., at their London works, and were of the manufacture known as typographed or surface printed.

The stamps were printed from the "General Colonial Key-plate" containing 120 impressions embodying a small portrait of her late Majesty Queen Victoria, the word Postage twice repeated; at the top and foot of this design blank tablets existed for the insertion of the name of the colony and denomination of the stamp. These two items were duly printed at a second operation from a plate known as a "duty plate," and, being composed of sixty impressions only, had to be applied twice to sheets of stamps printed from the Key-plate mentioned above.

Sheets of this issue consisted of 120 stamps arranged in two frames of sixty, side by side, each containing ten horizontal rows of six stamps, while in the four corners of the sheet the white numeral "3" appeared on a solid circle of colour, being the number of the key-plate then in use. The paper was white wove, watermarked with the Royal Crown, with the letters C A below, one complete watermark being on each separate stamp; the white margins of the sheets were watermarked also with the inscription "Crown Agents for—the Colonies," the usual De La Rue perforation of 14 being used. The number printed was as follows:—807⅔ sheets of ½d=face value of £201 18s 4d. 816 sheets 1d= face value of £408 0s 0d. 722 copies of each value being sent to the Postal Union authorities as "Specimens" to the countries of the Union. Several shades are known of both values, ranging from grey-green to dark green and from pale rose to deep carmine. It is interesting to note that the Cayman Islands were members of the Postal Union as far back as 1877.

At the end of the year 1902 the ½d stamp was obsolete, but the 1d value was in use till the following March, when on the appearance of the new King's Head stamps it was withdrawn from sale. The Crown Agents offered the following remainders of this stamp for sale in March, 1908: 279 complete sheets and 168 odd copies.

Neither this nor any issues to date of the postage stamps of these islands have been demonetized, and I have specimens of the Queen's Head issues postally used as late as December, 1910. A minor variety exists of these stamps, and subsequent issues consists of the word *Islands* with the letters all evenly spaced, and on a close examination it is observed with 75 per cent. at least the space between the letters S and L is greater than between the remaining letters of the word Islands—thus, IS LANDS. The variety is permanent.

Summary.

1900. Queen's Head. Watermark Crown CA. Perf. 14.

1d, ½d green (various shades).
2d, 1d carmine (shades from pale rose to deep carmine).

Second Issue (King's Head).

The stamps previously referred to were, late in the following year, supplemented by an issue of three new values, namely, 2½d, 6d, and 1s, which, owing to the death of Queen Victoria, consisted of a new type bearing a small profile of King Edward VII, the difference being that the new head was displayed against a solid background instead of a lined one; which can scarcely be considered an improvement.

These Cayman Islands stamps were actually the first to be printed from the new key-plate and bear on the margins of their sheets the plate number "1" in place of the figure "3" as in the Queen's Head issue. It is interesting, also to note that the two Queen's Head stamps of the Cayman Islands were the last printed from the old general colonial "Postage—Postage" key-plate, and these King's Head values the first from the new. The numbers printed were as follows:—2½d, blue, 13,560; 6d, brown, 5,400; 1s, orange, 3,240.

Not till September 15th, 1902, was the ½d value of the new King's Head type placed on sale, whilst the 1d value did not make its appearance until March 6th, 1903. Various shades are found in all the above values. The varieties to be found consist of the IS LANDS before mentioned, and a duty plate variety consisting of a short or damaged first down-stroke of the letter "M" of the word Cayman, thus—M. It occurs in each frame, being numbers 27 and 87 on the sheet. This variety occurs on the 2½d value only. The lines of shading on the forehead also show signs of variation, probably due to the wearing of the plate or bad inking.

I also show in my collection several experimental trials printed from the King's Head "Postage—Postage" key-plate in conjunction with ½d and 1s duty plates, and apparently intended by the printers as suggestions for the colour scheme of the bi-coloured series of 1907. Several of these consist of a very pretty combination, and it is to be regretted none were accepted. The following is a list of the colour trials shown:—½d, pale mauve; ½d, brown; ½d, brown and mauve; ½d ultramarine; ½d French grey and carmine; 1s, French grey; 1s, brown and green; 1s, orange and slate-blue.

Summary.

1901-2. King's Head. Watermark Crown CA (Single). Perf. 14.

½d green (shades).
1d carmine (shades).
2½d ultramarine (shades to deep blue).
6d brown (light and dark shades).
1s orange (pale and deep shades).

Third Issue (Multiple Watermark CA).

A supply of this issue of all values, with the exception of the 1d, reached the Cayman Islands early in March, 1905, and were immediately placed on sale The numbers in the first consignment were not considerable, for the numbers on hand at Georgetown a month later with the new multiple watermark were: —½d, 12,000; 2½d, 10,500; 6d, 1,154; 1s, 995.

By June the 6d and 1s values were entirely sold out, and a fresh supply of all values, including the new penny, was despatched from London in August, 1905, and placed on sale in the Islands on October 18th. The numbers were as follows:—½d, 12,600; 1d, 12,000; 2½d, 12,240; 6d, 1,440; 1s, 1,440. Remainders of the above were offered for sale by the Crown Agents in March, 1908, very few of the 1d value being left, as will be shown later.

Shades may be found in all denominations; also plate varieties before described, the arrangement of the sheets in both these last issues being alike.

Summary.

1905. King's Head. Watermark Multiple Crown CA. Perf. 14.

½d green, various shades.
1d carmine to rose.
2½d ultramarine, shades varying to deep blue.
6d brown, shades from pale to very deep.
1s orange, shades from pale to deep orange.

The Fourth or Bi-Coloured Issue.

Owing to new stamp duty law by which a number of new duties were imposed in respect of several instruments and documents, raised for additional revenue purposes, coming into force on November 8th, 1906, which duties ranged from 1d to two guineas, it was deemed advisable to bring into use a higher facial denomination than the 1s, so accordingly a supply of 5s stamps were ordered.

At the same time a fresh supply of 6d and 1s stamps were made, these latter being printed for the first time in two colours instead of one, and a 4d stamp in two colours being added to the new series. All of which were first placed on sale on March 13th, 1907.

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For 4d and 5s values new duty plates had of course to be made. The plate variety of short lines across the King's forehead is especially noticeable on the stamps of this issue, which remained in use for about one year only, when they were superseded by the "Postage and Revenue Issue."

It is generally understood that there were five thousand only printed of the 5s value, as with the others one printing only was made. This stamp, being used to a great extent for the Provisionals, which followed later, undoubtedly is the most rare of all the Cayman stamps (excluding the Provisionals).

It is generally thought these bi-coloured stamps were issued in error, for shortly after being placed on sale instructions were received from the Governor of Jamaica that the remaining stocks of old uni-coloured stamps were to be withdrawn from circulation. This order was carried out, and in addition the whole of the remaining stock of the low value single colour King's Head stamps which were on hand were also withdrawn. This serious depletion of the stock on hand was mainly responsible for the Provisional issues that followed.

Summary.

Bi-coloured. King's Head. Watermark Multiple Crown CA. Perf. 14. Name and value in second colour. Unsurfaced paper.

4d brown and blue.
6d olive and rose.
1s violet and green.
5s salmon and emerald.

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Edited by **Henry A. Kidder.**

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BAVARIA.—Mr. Schachne shows us another "Fest" card having the current 5pf stamp. At left end is a large rectangle with "VIII Deutsches Saugerbundesfest Nurnberg 27-31 Juli 1912" in four lines in its upper section. The usual colored illustration covers the back side.

Post Card.

5pf green on white.

BOLIVIA.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us two other provisional postage stamps made by surcharging the current fiscal stamps with "Correos—1912" in two lines, thus making them available for postage. These are supplementary to the 10c provisional chronicled in No. 1118.

Provisional Adhesives.

2c green; black surcharge.
5c orange; red surcharge.

The 10c provisional chronicled in No. 1118 was issued in April, the 2c green in June and the 5c orange in May.

CYPRUS.—A. C. Roessler is officially informed that the 20pa, 4pi and 6pi stamps of the new Georgian series were placed on sale July 10 or earlier. The 5pa King Edward stamp is running short and will be the next Georgian value to appear, to be followed in three or four months by the 30pa and 1pi values.

FRENCH COLONIES.—Some time ago it was announced that the French Colonial authorities had destroyed certain remainders of the older issues of stamps of the various Colonies, which had been kept in Paris for sale to dealers. Evidently, this was not done before occasion had been taken to print a lot of provisionals, French Guinea, Martinique, New Caledonia and Reunion being thus honored. The overprint consists of large figures "05" and "10," 18 mm. tall, and placed nearly in the centre of the stamps. Some of these surcharged figures are printed in red and some in black, though we are not able to give any but those indicated in the following list, which have been shown us by Whitfield King & Co. The list is partly made up from the information given us by the above firm, and partly from a list which appeared in *L'Echo de la Timbrologie,* and translated by *Ewen's Weekly.* The overprints were very neatly printed, evidently in the home printing office in Paris. The provisionals thus far known are:

Provisional Adhesives.

French Guinea—

Peace and Commerce Type.
5c on 2c brown on buff.
5c on 4c claret on lavender; red surcharge.
5c on 15c blue; red surcharge.
5c on 20c red on green.
5c on 30c brown on bistre.
10c on 40c red on straw.
10c on 75c violet on orange.

Type of 1904.
5c on 2c brown on buff; surcharge black.
5c on 4c carmine on blue; black surcharge.
5c on 15c violet on rose; black surcharge.
5c on 20c red on green; black surcharge.
5c on 25c blue.
5c on 30c brown on buff.
10c on 40c red on straw.
10c on 50c brown on blue.

Martinique—

Peace and Commerce Type.
5c on 15c blue.
5c on 15c gray; surcharge red.
5c on 25c black on rose; surcharge red.
10c on 40c red on straw.
10c on 5fr lilac on lavender.

New Caledonia—

Peace and Commerce Type.
5c on 15c blue.
5c on 20c red on green.
5c on 30c brown on bistre.
10c on 40c red on straw.
10c on 50c brown on blue.

Reunion—

Peace and Commerce Type.
5c on 2c brown on buff.
5c on 15c gray; red surcharge.
5c on 20c red on green.
5c on 25c blue.
5c on 30c brown on bistre; red surcharge.
10c on 4c red on straw; black surcharge.
10c on 50c brown on blue.
10c on 75c violet on orange.

GREAT BRITAIN.—A new watermark has been provided for the stamps of Great Britain, according to *Marsh's Circular,* from which we reproduce the following:

"A new watermark is to be introduced for the Georgian postage stamps, consisting of a small Crown over the Royal Cypher in script G R V. The watermark is to be a multiple one, but it does not extend to the edges of the sheet, which are still to have the watermark POSTAGE. Some of the National Health Insurance stamps have already been printed and issued on this paper, so collectors who wish to see may get permission from some obliging postal official to inspect a sheet of these Insurance stamps. The watermark is not at all a distinct one, judging by the few sheets we have been permitted to inspect, and unless one knew what it was it would be no easy task to distinguish the Crown or the Cypher."

The *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly,* in the number dated July 20, says that the values of the Georgian stamps, 1½d and upward had been issued as the number went to press. No particulars are yet forthcoming, except that the values and colors are the same as the King Edward series.

QUEENSLAND.—Late arrivals from Mr. Schachne show very creditably. The 1d stamps are Scott's A14 and the 1½d is same except the change in value. The material is a chalk white glazed surface for the cards and a somewhat rough blue tinted paper for the letter cards. The divided face single card has the entire back covered with views but the others are blank. The three headlines for both single cards are "Post Card—Queensland—Commonwealth of Australia"; the 1x1d with four "Union Postale Universelle—Commonwealth of Australia—Queensland—Post Card with reply paid" on the first and same on the reply except the fourth line is "Reply Post Card." The 1½d double as well as the letter cards make no mention of the Commonwealth. The single letter card has the same design for the face as the last issue of the 2d but the shield on the back is smaller, it being now 26 m. high instead of 31 m. The double is different only at the top where "Letter Card" is placed above the design instead of on the upper ribbon and "With Reply" has taken its place. The perforation is now the ordinary and measures 10¼.

Post Cards.

1d red on white.
1d red on white; divided face.
1 x 1d red on white; divided face; T 3.
1½ x 1½d dark blue on white; T 3.

Letter Cards.

1d red on bluish white; D. D.
1 x 1d red on bluish white; D. D.

VENEZUELA.—Dr. Roy F. Desart also sends us information regarding the new official set from Venezuela, chronicled last week. We omitted to say in chronicling them that each stamp bears the imprint at the bottom, "Lit. y tip. del Comercio. Caracas."

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PARCELS POSTS FOR CANAL ZONE.

Clipping from F. E. GREENE.

The department of Civil Administration has been authorized by the Acting Chairman and Chief Engineer to submit plans for a system of parcels posts effective between points in the Canal Zone. At this time, the Canal Zone Government, in common with that of the United States, transacts parcels post business with 53 states and provinces, including all the greater nations of the world with the exception of Russia. Until a parcels post system has been established in the United States, however, it is not probable that the postal authorities of the United States would consent to an interchange of parcels post deliveries between the United States and the Canal Zone without direct legislation. But there is nothing to prevent the establishment of a local system for interstate exchange between Canal Zone offices.—*Canal Record.*

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STAMPS OF THE CAYMAN ISLDS.

(Concluded from page 257.)

The Provisional Issues, 1907.

Owing to a shortage of the halfpenny stamps, caused mainly by a large foreign order, which had reduced the stock to seventeen sheets (2,040 stamps), which would probably not last more than a couple of months, the Commissioner of the Cayman Islands despatched to the Governor of Jamaica forty sheets of 1d stamps with the request that they might be surcharged ½d. In reply to this communication the Colonial Secretary wrote as follows:—

"COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
26*th July*, 1907.

"Copy 7223-8212/07.

"Sir:—I am directed by the Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 143, of the 11th ult. explaining that a large foreign order had reduced your stock of ½d stamps to seventeen sheets, and forwarding forty sheets of penny stamps with the request that they may be surcharged ½d.

"2. In reply I transmit herewith a copy of the Secretary of State's circular dispatch of the 8th August, 1893, (Lord Ripon's Memorandum to Colonial Postmasters.) on the subject of surcharge postage stamps, and to request you to be so good in future as to refuse to supply the speculative demand of dealers until you have got a new stock. Copies of the Secretary of State's circulars of 27th September, 1896, and 19th September, 1905, are also enclosed for your information and guidance.

"3. As the surcharge in this case may be regarded as necessary for the convenience of the public, the Superintendent of the Government Printing Office has been instructed to surcharge the stamps as requested; and I am to request that you will not sell any of these surcharged stamps except across the counter.

"4. In conclusion, I am to add that the Governor is not prepared, without substantial reason, to authorize a new issue of stamps, (Probably refers to subsequent "Postage and Revenue" series.) and to request you to report on this question as soon as possible. I am to say that if a fresh supply of halfpenny or other stamps is required, a requisition should be sent forward in due time to enable them to be obtained from the Crown Agents before the stock in hand is exhausted.

"I have, etc.,
"H. CLARENCE BOURNE
(*Colonial Secretary*).

"His Honour
"The Commissioner of The Cayman Islands,
"Grand Cayman."

As intimated in paragraph three of this letter, the forty sheets (4800 copies) of penny Cayman Islands postage stamps were duly surcharged at the Government Printing Office, Kingston, Jamaica, in black, with the legend "One Halfpenny" in two lines of long primer type—the word "One" measuring 5¼ and "Halfpenny" 13½ mm. in length.

The stamp selected to receive this overprint was the penny King's Head "Postage—Postage" type with the multiple watermark, the overprint being applied to half-sheets (panes) of sixty at a time. No important varieties of this surcharge have been discovered, which work was carried out with the utmost care. The word "Halfpenny" is to be found without the full stop after same and I have one or two blocks showing the surcharge out of alignment. This stamp was first placed on sale at Georgetown on August 30th, 1907, and was not supplied to fill wholesale orders from dealers.

The two further Provisionals which were placed on sale towards the end of November, 1907, owed their origin mainly to the irregular communication between the Islands and Jamaica, the parent Colony. Owing to the fact that some 4800 penny stamps were used for the first Provisional a big depletion of the stock resulted; consequently it was found necessary to create a temporary supply pending the arrival of the Postage and Revenue series expected from England. There being no time to obtain any from Jamaica, the Commission issued instructions on November 22nd, 1907, to the Postmistress (Miss Gwendolyn Parsons) to surcharge fifteen sheets of the current 5s stamp with the figures "1 D", thus providing 1800 Provisional penny stamps to meet the immediate demand. The work was duly executed by the Postmistress at Georgetown by means of a handstamp composed of pieces of metal type fixed in a wooden handle, which was applied separately to each stamp on the sheets, the ordinary post office ink and pad being evidently used for the purpose of obliteration, the reason the 5s value was selected being that this stamp except for fiscal purposes was in comparatively small demand and it was considered desirable that the number remaining on hand should be reduced before being re-issued as part of the new "Postage and Revenue" series, expected shortly. As may be expected from hand-stamped surcharges, many varieties are to be found, all of which are enumerated in the summary later.

(To be continued.)

HIS STAMPS.

By FRED MICHAEL.

A new king sits on England's throne. His clever artists did he command "Make my stamps as fair as those of old, that shall be praised on every hand."

But one there was who did not heed his words. Beauty smiled then turned away. 'Twas vain the artists toiled, their great king to obey.

NEWS GLEANINGS.

—"I see the Spanish Marianas are coming to the front. The 6c must be a scarce one, because two or three of the Filipinos here who had a few of the other values had never heard of a 6c. I have seen two of them, only."—THEODORE SIDDALL.

—A. Koppell, 390 Wadsworth Av., N. Y. City, is giving considerable trouble to stamp dealers. The Chesapeake Stamp Co. of Baltimore is the latest to report this company.

—Leslie Hart, Pottstown, Pa., would like to know the present whereabouts of Frank Delaney, Douglasville, Pa., who has an approval selection and replies to no letters sent him.

—We learn with sincere regret that Mrs. C. F. Rothfuchs, the wife of our old-time patron, C. F. Rothfuchs, underwent a serious accident recently when she had the misfortune to break her right arm in five places at the shoulder joint. It will be a matter of months before Mrs. Rothfuchs will be able to use her arm again.

—"Of all the cheap stamps I have tried to get, the hardest is certainly Curacao, Scott's No. 69. For three years, Scott has priced this stamp either used or unused at 35 cents, but during all that time neither they nor any other of a dozen American and three foreign dealers have been able to furnish the stamp, in any condition, used or unused, good, bad or indifferent. It would certainly seem that the stamp is entitled to a 'raise'!"—WILLIAM S. CLARK.

—"We note in your paper regarding Lexington, Ky. aerial postmark. We mailed you the card in question. It was intended to carry the mail to Winchester, Ky. by aeroplane but this part of the program never came off—and the mail was never carried in an aeroplane, although it bears the aerial postmark." —J. M. STUART CO.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from F. W. Lynes (3) and C. M. Breder (2).

—Frank W. Lynes sends us a batch of four clippings. In one of them we note that the senate post office committee has presented a report providing for abolishing the present system of carrying second class mail by fast freight. This measure, however, is one that does not concern weekly publications.

—W. L. Morse, Syracuse, N. Y., enters a complaint against A. Villagran, Valparaiso, Chile. This party was previously complained against, but we are glad to say that he has not been upon our subscription list.

—W. A. Kain, St. John, N. B., is very desirous of ascertaining why Uruguay 10c violet, surcharged "Oficial," No. 323, unused, should be dropped in catalog price from $12.50 to $4.00. Mr. Kain remarks that this stamp has for a long time back been catalogued at $12.50 and he would like to know the reason why the 1912 catalog now puts it at $4.00.

—The L. L. Albright Co., Rochester, N. Y., withdraws its complaint against Benj. Weisner of N. Y. City, acknowledging full satisfaction.

—Rev. Louis Voss sends us the following clipping: "Since the first of July the old familiar Bavarian stamps are useful only for stamp collectors' albums. On letters they are no longer available. Until the jubilee year 1911 Bavaria was regarded by stamp collectors as the most conservative country in Europe. For 36 or 38 years Bavaria never changed the design of her postage stamps. This had always been recognized by collectors, many of whom had had no difficulty in securing complete sets of the stamps of that country, with the possible exception of the rare black 1kr."—*Echo.*

A FRENCH CURIOSITY.

Clipping from REV. LOUIS VOSS.

The *Inventions Illustries* reports that recently in France several sheets of the blue 25 Centimes stamps were perforated in such a manner that the perforations ran through the centre of the stamps. Upon the complaint of a financial institute to whom these sheets had been delivered, the postal authorities declared that those stamps would be accepted as valid and they have been used. There were sheets of 150 stamps each, which had been perforated in such a way that each sheet contained twenty-one, instead of twenty, vertical rows, an excess of fifteen stamps, though only the row on the extreme left contained that part of the vignette which shows the value, 25 centimes, while the row on the right did not show the value. But these stamps were also regarded as valid and letters stamped with them were carried even in the international service.

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THE PURCHASING DEPARTMENT.

Distribution 42, sent to the participants on July 29th, contained the following 34 new issues: Argentine Republic 3, Australia 1, Bavaria 1, Bermuda 1, France 1, French Congo 1, Great Britain 1, Japan 2, Middle Congo 3, New South Wales 1, Nicaragua 2, Portugal 1, Queensland 6, St. Thomas 6, Salvador 1, Siam 2, Uruguay 1.

S. SCHACHNE, Purchasing Agent.

WITH THE BOY PHILATELIST.

Edited by BERTRAM W. H. POOLE, Box 231, Altadena, Calif.

We propose to insert upon this page matter that will be of interest to the boy collector. Some two thousand boys are now on our mailing list and it is our desire to come closely in contact with them in such a manner as will be most helpful. Any information desired will be cheerfully rendered through these columns. Do not submit stamps for examination.

ANOTHER IMPOSTER.

Mr. H. E. Nichols sends me a sketch of a label that has puzzled as many collectors as the bogus Sedangs described last week. The label bears a design very similar to the United States 10c and 30c stamps of 1869 and the inscriptions read "U. S.," "Army Frank," and "Official Business Only," so that the uninformed collector may be well pardoned for imagining that it is a regular official stamp. The color of the label is brown and it is perf. about 12. It is an entirely bogus issue made and marketed about the time of the Spanish-American war by Major Brewster C. Kenyon. The first mention I can find of it is in the *American Journal of Philately* for September 1898, viz.:—"We present herewith the illustration of a stamp used by some officers of the War Department in forwarding heavy letters and other material through the mails. There seems to be no question that the stamp was passed by some employees of the Post Office, but on the other hand there seems also to be no question that such use was without sanction by competent authority. From information supplied us it would appear that the issue of the stamp was the result of the enterprise of a stamp collector in the army, the ultimate purpose being its placing on the market for the purpose of pecuniary profit."

It will thus be seen that doubts as to the status of this precious label existed from the first and shortly afterwards it received its quietus by the publication of the following letter from the Postmaster General in the November issue of the journal already referred to:—

"Yours of the 9th inst., submitting an 'Army Frank' label has been received. In reply, I have to say that this label is not official, nor has it received the sanction of this Department. It is not good for securing the free transmission of official matter.

"The law requires that the free penalty envelopes, to be provided by the several Departments of the Government, and not after devices selected by individual officers, shall bear the name of the Department on whose business the envelopes are used, the office or bureau from which they emanate, together with the words 'Official Business', and a statement of the penalty for their misuse.

"The label submitted by you, which was designed by Major Brewster C. Kenyon, does not conform to these requirements, and even if it did, the use of it would be objectionable, as army officers should use only such penalty envelopes or labels as the War Department authorizes or provides."

VARIETIES OF THE 2c U. S. OF 1908-10.

A correspondent asks for a list of the varieties of the 2c Washington, with value in words, which has just gone out of issue. Quite a specialised collection might be made of this one stamp if all the possible varieties were obtained. It exists with two varieties of watermark—double-lined and single-lined letters,—on experimental paper, imperforate, and imperf. horizontally and vertically, the latter varieties coming from the rolls or coils of stamps prepared for use in stamp vending machines. The general collector would want the following varieties:—

Watermarked "U S P S" in double-lined letters. Perf. 12.

2c carmine.
  (a) imperforate.
  (b) bluish or experimental paper.
  (c) imperf. vertically.
  (d) " " and perf. 8½ between.
  (e) imperf. horizontally.
  (f) " " and perf. 8½ between.

Watermarked "U S P S" in single-lined letters. Perf. 12.

2c carmine.
  (a) imperforate.
  (b) imperf. vertically.
  (c) " " and perf. 8½ between.
  (d) imperf. horizontally.
  (e) " " and perf. 8½ between.

These 2c stamps were printed in sheets of 400 with guide lines running through the centre of the sheet vertically and horizontally, the printed sheets being cut along these lines into the ordinary "post office" sheets of 100. On the margins, at the ends of these lines, are diagonal lines making what are known as "arrows." In addition there are plate numbers and imprints and on certain plates—which have a star before the imprint—some of the vertical rows at the right and left of the full-sized sheet of 400 are spaced 3 mm. apart while the others are 2 mm. The specialist must, of course, have pairs showing these differences in spacing. He will also want strips or blocks showing the marginal imprint and plate number, and he will probably also want stamps showing the guide lines.

In the imperforate stamps even more varieties are possible for as these are sold uncut in the full 400 size it is now possible to obtain pairs and blocks showing the guide lines between. In fact the specialist cannot well do without the following varieties:—

Spacing 3 mm. apart.
Spacing 2 mm. apart.
Vertical guide line.
Horizontal guide line.
Crossed lines.
Top arrow.
Bottom arrow.
Right arrow.
Left arrow.
Top imprint and plate number.
Bottom imprint and plate number.
Right imprint and plate number.
Left imprint and plate number.

All the above can be found with both varieties of watermark. Then we have the part-perf. stamps which must be collected in pairs. In addition to the varieties already enumerated those perforated through the guide lines and the two spacings will be required.

The above does not by any means exhaust the list of probable varieties for we have made no mention of shades, which taken in conjunction with the listed varieties should offer scope for the keenest collector. The different plate numbers will also have to be sought for, and if the collector has still energy left he can further amuse himself by hunting for the numerous varieties of perfs. and roulettes applied by private companies for use in different automatic machines!

Written for Mekeel's Weekly.

THE SEAL OF THE HOP SING TONG.

By Arthur Irwin Smith.

Chinatown, with its queer sights and weird noises, lay to the left. Raymond Harvey idly turned up the lighted thoroughfare, gazing in the shop windows as he passed. Dupont Street was full of the usual throng of tourists and early evening loafers, and there was plenty of light, noise and bustle.

Swinging aside into an obscure alley, Raymond passed a small native drug-shop. "Sing Lee Fat," announced a small sign in English letters, but the rest of the front was buried in Chinese hieroglyphics. Little jars of roots and herbs were displayed in the narrow window, but most of the stock was concealed in rows of drawers along the wall. An unbroken package in the window bore a strange revenue stamp—one Raymond had never seen before, although he had long collected these queer stamps.

Entering the store, he spoke to the proprietor concerning the gaudy adhesive. "How muchee?" he queried, as he jingled some loose change in his left hand.

"No sell," was the stolid reply.

"Come off," said Raymond. "I'll give you a quarter."

"All light," was the instant response.

Raymond stepped to the rear of the store where he might take his time in detaching the stamp. He did not want to tear it, if it were possible to secure it in perfect condition.

As he passed back he noticed three men sitting around a small table talking earnestly. In the center of the table was something which instantly excited his curiosity and aroused his desire for possession. It was a small Chinese document bearing a huge golden stamp, with perforated edges. The stamp was about three inches square, and the design consisted of a gilded dragon with elaborate marginal decorations. The document, hardly as large as a sheet of fool's-cap, was of course unintelligible to Raymond.

As soon as he had succeeded in detaching the revenue stamp from the original package, Raymond made known his desire to possess the more important looking stamp.

"No sell," said the proprietor.

"Give you fifty cents," vouchsafed Raymond.

"No sell," repeated the Chinaman, a look of uneasiness coming into his eyes.

"I'll make it a dollar," continued Raymond.

"No sell," was the monotonous response, and Raymond found himself being shown the door.

Discontentedly he walked down the street. True, he had added one fine specimen to his collection, but the stamp he most desired had eluded him. The sad, shrill wail of a Chinese violin was wafted along the alley, and he shuddered as he turned a dark corner and came again into the lights of Dupont Street.

For an hour he walked back and forth along the more frequented thoroughfares, barely seeing the shops and restaurants as he passed along. An unreasonable desire to possess the stamp on the strange document became stronger and stronger. Finally he again turned through the narrow, obscure alleys, and soon he found himself gazing again through the little window into the drug-shop of Sing Lee Fat.

Without a thought as to consequences, he walked boldly inside. The three men were still talking. Sing Lee Fat looked at him blankly, evidently not wishing to recognize him.

Raymond spoke of the stamp he desired making his words more plain by signs. Sing Lee Fat refused to understand. Raymond produced a gold coin. The Chinaman's eyes gleamed, but he shook his head. The three men at the table glanced up nervously, and Raymond began to feel that they were talking of him.

The proprietor seemed anxious to be rid of him, but Raymond was determined to secure the stamp. He walked to the rear, and made a smiling attempt to communicate with the men at the table by means of pidgih English and signs. They gazed at him angrily, even threateningly.

Suddenly at a word from the eldest of the three, a slender, intelligent looking fellow of forty-five, they closed in on him and noiselessly pushed him through a narrow door at the rear into a dark passageway. Back, back, a dozen paces he was carried, then down a flight of steps. So astonished was Raymond that he attempted no resistance. As he began to realize what was happening, common sense told him that to fight or to make an outcry would be useless.

As quickly and as quietly as they had seized him in the shop above, his captors released him in the darkness of the underground passage and withdrew. A door was closed, and not even the uncanny pattering of their sandals broke the absolute stillness of the dungeon.

Raymond found himself becoming panic-stricken. Why had he been brought here? Did they mean to keep him prisoner? Would they murder him, or had they intended only to kidnap him? He traced the outline of the walls with his hands, but could find no opening. He found two matches in his pockets. He struck one, and looked all around him while it burned, getting his bearings.

The smooth, close-fitting door at the entrance offered little hope. There was a small aperture in one corner, but it seemed to be clogged with rubbish and fallen dirt from the walls. With a flicker the match expired, and the darkness seemed more unbearable than ever. Still, Raymond knew it was useless to strike the other match now; it might be of much use to him later.

He felt his way to the door, but it was as immovable as the solid wall. Then he groped his way to the little tunnel in the corner. As he stooped, it seemed as if he could feel a perceptible breath of fresh air.

It was revolting to have to crawl forward into the hole in the utter darkness, amid the dirty, ill-smelling rubbish, but that seemed his only hope. For an hour Raymond worked with his bare hands. Finally he cleared his way back some dozen feet, and came into what seemed to be another room. The connecting tunnel was so small, even after the refuse which filled it had been cleared away, that Raymond had much trouble in squirming through with his athletic body.

When he found he could again stand erect in open space, he struck the second match. The room was a small one, dusty and unclean, but another tunnel, perhaps five feet high, led away to the left.

Breathing quickly from the excitement of aroused hope, Raymond stooped and felt his way forward rapidly. For perhaps a hundred feet, he went without meeting any obstruction, but all at once he stumbled on the lower step of a stairway. Quickly recovering, without even rubbing his bruised shin, he crawled carefully to the top. He passed through an open door, and the slight sound of his feet on a plank floor was pleasant music to his ears. He groped around cautiously. The house was evidently vacant, there being no furniture or rubbish in the apartment. The front door was locked, but there was a wooden stairway ascending. Raymond decided that he must be in the rear room of a store building.

A welcome shaft of light came through an alley window into the second story. Raymond tried to raise the window, and found it came up easily. It was ten feet to the ground, but he swung down from the ledge with his hands, judging that his six-foot frame and the long reach of his arms would make the drop of little consequence. When he reached the ground he stepped quickly to the open street. The welcome lights of Dupont were just around the corner.

A friendly policeman was in the middle of the block. "Why so dusty, my friend?" he queried, as Raymond passed.

The young man smiled and told his story. He had not intended to inform the police of the affair, knowing that it would be useless. He had been done no bodily harm, and there were no witnesses.

"Take my advice, and never start anything in Chinatown," said the policeman, as he helped Raymond brush up his clothes. "What you thought was a stamp was very likely some sort of seal of one of the tongs, or secret fraternities. I understand they have been pretty thick around Sing Lee Fat's lately. They probably considered the seal as sacred, and resented your interference. They have some queer ideas, you know."

"Well," said Raymond, "if it wasn't a stamp it doesn't matter whether I get it or not. I think I can go home contented, and I am sure I will never start any trouble in Chinatown again."

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PRECANCELLED PARAGRAPHS.

By JOHN A. SOLOMON.

As the famous old song goes, "let the sun shine bright in the old Kentucky home," let it shine in all homes, but in spite of "Old Sol's" torrid rays, do not lose your precancel grip. Many new varieties are constantly appearing and a lapse of interest now means a loss of these varieties, which you may have difficulty in acquiring later.

Dallas is the only city in the giant state of Texas which uses precancels while Rhode Island, the midget, has four.

The long needed Precancel catalog is out and certainly is a valuable publication for all precancel followers. It does not seem possible but the catalog actually has unearthed over five thousand distinct varieties besides other unknown issues which surely exist and with the many new issues it is not out of reason to say more than six thousand varieties will be possible before many months.

I will suggest to all collectors contributing notes to the new issue column of this paper to carefully consult the catalog before sending in their new issues as this will prevent further repetition.

Baltimore used precancelled due stamps more than ten years ago but it was not until recently that the Monumental City commenced overprinting the regular issues and now is using nearly all denominations. Denver and New Orleans are the newest of the larger cities to come into the precancel fold. There are yet several large cities which have not taken up the precancel system. Precancels have proven their worth time and again and there is little question but what the large concerns of any large city can benefit by the use of them.

Providence is again guilty of precancelling with the regular office stamp instead of the required method.

Recently many seed catalogs were mailed with stamps precancelled in this way. Upon investigation I have been informed that this is done only in emergency cases when the regular precancelling machine is in use and a rush order is demanded. It is best to keep such stamps on the original cover as it is almost impossible to prove their identity when once off the cover.

Redlands, California, issued a solitary precancel over ten years ago, but has not used any since.

Brockton, Mass., one of the recent cities to take up the precancel system, but which during the past year has flooded nearly all the principal cities and towns throughout the country with its shoe advertisements, has changed its type from a rather neat three line print to a smudgy four line effect.

Cleveland is the latest of the large cities to change its font. The new type is similar to its predecessor but having taller and thinner capitals.

Saginaw, Mich., which has been using precancels scarcely a year, is the home of over one hundred distinct varieties. I am inclined to think this sort of printing seems unnecessary but perhaps Saginaw is out for a record.

It seems that all the large crop of Xmas precancels has not yet been exhausted, for new ones are still cropping out and it is likely they will continue to do so. Even the most advanced enthusiasts are obliged to keep constantly active in order to get most of them.

The question of minor varieties has gone so far that it is making precancel collecting a complicated matter, watermarks, shades, paper varieties, broken letters, hair lines, etc., are all interesting but they have no place in a straight precancel collection. A good maxim for all precancel adherents is simplicity.

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Battle Creek's many sanitariums and cereal food firms have issued thousands of precancels of various denominations but it is my opinion that the five cent recently used was the first of that value ever sent out from that city.

Precancelled registry stamps are something of a novelty but several cities included them in their Christmas galaxy.

San Francisco precancels are certainly good property. The 'quake precancels never were very plentiful and at present are hardly in sight.

The Post Office Dept. has ruled that Post Offices must no longer issue mint precancels except to actual users. It will be interesting to see if this rule is strictly enforced, for it seems there is a "precancel way" around it, even if it must not be crossed.

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DETROIT, Aug. 10, 1912.

TO THE EDITOR:—

In your issue July 27, under "New Issues: Hayti" you chronicle a new stamp but say you do not know who Le Conte is. No less a personage than Gen. Cincinnatus Le Conte, late president, killed Aug. 8, 1912 in the blowing up and burning of the palace. The building is shown on one of the 1906 set. They have only had one president complete his term and one who died a natural death while in office.

E. F. HEYERMAN.

WILTON, N. H., Aug. 3, 1912.

To the Editor:

Permit me thro' you, to offer an apology to the publishers of the Standard Catalogue. The statement recently made by me was incorrect and I am glad to find that the Scott Stamp & Coin Co. have at last seen the justice of listing the stamps issued by the Aguinaldo government.

A. W. DUNNING.

BOSTON, Aug. 5, 1912.

To the Editor:

Referring to your editorial in 1127 in re Mr. Luce's ½c McKay will say I am one of the "old timers" referred to and can also say that the stamp under discussion is one of a set of five license stamps used to pay a royalty on Mr. McKay's patented machine for lasting shoes. A later issue of McKay Sew. Mach. Co. (successors) of new design was used of which I have 9 varieties, also 8 others of similar design with the names of licensees printed over the face.

It was a very common practice in those days to collect royalties by means of this class of stamps as shown by more than 100 stamps that I collected about the time they were current.

J. N. MORSE.

RED CROSS SEALS FOR HOLIDAY SALE.

Clipping from F. W. LYNES.

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But there is no reason why we should not have faces of women upon our postage stamps, and it is a little surprising that women themselves have not attended to this matter. Why should we not commemorate in this way the immortal achievements of Mrs. Belmont, for example, or Carrie Nation, or any of the lesser Boadiceas who have submitted to the agonies of publicity in their zeal for the public good? There would be a certain delicate symbolism about such a change. Mrs. Belmont's head on a postage stamp would be a sort of reminder to her followers all over the world that they must stick to it if they expect to win.—*The Argonaut.*

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"CANNED" POSTAGE STAMPS.

Clipping from F. E. Greene.

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NEWS GLEANINGS.

Under this heading we desire to publish all the news from the various philatelic centers. Correspondents' names will be given unless prohibited as we desire to give full credit for services rendered.

—Watch out on the towns of Lockport and Joliet in Illinois. H. Wesley Legg sends us postcards signed by different names but evidently in the same hand-writing. Approval selections are desired and a fine line of references are offered.

—Our dealer friend J. E. Handshaw writes us from London, England, where he and his family have been visiting for several weeks. They intend to spend some time in Holland, France, and Switzerland and later visit Scotland and Ireland. Mr. Handshaw does not know the date of his return. He has done some business attending an auction sale for a bit of recreation. He indicates that a London auction is a different proposition from one held in N. Y. City.

—L. H. Kjellstedt has returned from his foreign trip. Mr. Klein's return is expected the latter part of August.

—Frank W. Lynes sends us a clipping from the Mobile *Register* stating that the Canadian Postmaster General, Louis P. Peletier, has been in Paris conferring with local officials for the introduction of a 2c postal rate between Canada and France.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from E. B. Charman, M. S. Karlitsky (2), M. A. Lesser, C. M. Breder (2), Edw. Howard and F. W. Lynes (6).

—John F. Fortune of Fort Sill, Okla., submits for our inspection two Canal Zone post cards. Over the letter "o" in "centesimo" is a small dash and a tiny dot.

—"The list of hard to get stamps catalogued under $2 seems to have run out. I have been chasing Argentine, 16c orange, (No. 128). I answered three advs. but the other fellow is after it also. Austria Nos. 46, 69, 333, 341 and 353 do not show up on approvals. Bavaria Nos. 32, 36 and 37; Bolivia 23, 39; Cape of Good Hope 31 and Columbian Republic 143, 147 and 149 do not come my way."—S. J. Jones.

—Accompanying his A. P. S. proxy to the Managing Editor, Mr. J. H. Miller writes:—"Herewith my A. P. S. proxy. Use it. I would like to see the Weekly become the official organ again."

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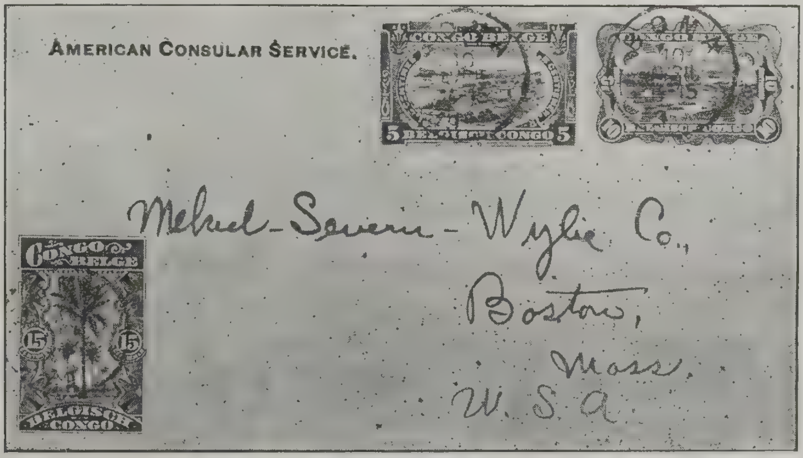

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1894	50c orange	.15	.20
"	$1 black	.65	.75
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76	5c brown	.75	.30
76a	5c black brown	.75	.30
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90	12c black, 11x13	.85	.35
91	15c black, 11x13	3.00	1.35
92	1c blue, 9x13	.85	.35
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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

EDITORIAL.

All Aboard—About a week from now, the convention will be in full swing at Springfield and those who are so fortunate as to attend will be regaled philatelically and entertained socially. An item in the issue of August 3rd on proposed legislation at the Springfield convention had no reference to the amendments that will be submitted by Mr. Nast but was directed at the statement that it would be advisable to "start something" by a sensational proposition of some kind, the idea being that by such means, the interest of those members who now seem indifferent would be excited in the concerns of the society. Mr. Nast's amendments are worthy of consideration and are not to be classed with claptrap of the kind proposed.

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He Wins—Mr. C. A. Yarrington, Baltimore, Maryland, writes: "Referring to the note from Mr. Frank E. Goodwin, I wish to advise that the only extra copy of the two-cent black, 1862, proved to be of the type mentioned. The point of hair is very heavily obliterated by the lines of the background." This variety is described at some length under the head, "A Variant" in the issue of July 27th; and while Mr. Yarrington found one of the varieties in his two stamps Mr. Goodwin found but one in 260 copies.

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Solid Meat—It is with much satisfaction that we publish the following comments on the three-cent, 1851-1860 issue that have been received from Dr. Carroll Chase, 1050 Park Place, Brooklyn, N. Y., who is one of the keenest students of this issue of these advanced days. It will be remembered that through his researches Dr. Chase made the reconstruction of the sheets of type I possible. His discourse follows:

"If I may do so without appearing unduly critical may I point out a few inaccuracies in Mr. Goodwin's installment on the 3c 1851-1860 issue of his 'Specialized United States.'

First, the total number of plates was not 28, but at least 29 and probably 30. Either 9 or 10 plates exist imperforate (Type I) and 20 plates (from number 9 to 28 inclusive) were of Type II for the perforated issue. The plates for the imperforate stamps were probably numbered from 1 to 8 inclusive, and there were, in all probability, either one or two plates that never had any number.

The following color cancellations may be added to those mentioned by Mr. Goodwin. Brown, magenta, reddish-purple and ultramarine. Express cancellations form another distinct class.

I am certain that the stamps cannot be divided into 'printings' as there were approximately 300,000,000 imperforate 3c stamps issued, and there must have been hundreds of printings. The first printings do not necessarily show every detail of the engraving, as some of those in the earliest shades are very heavily inked, and therefor look rather blurred. All the stamps issued during the first six months are of the shade best described as orange brown. The dark rose shades are from very late printings. As plates 2 and 3 were carefully cleaned about 1856 some of the latest printings even from the earlier plates are beautifully clear. So a clear impression does not necessarily mean an early printing.

There is no danger of anyone trying to plate the entire 28 or more plates, but all the plates from which the Type I stamps were made can be reconstructed. For example I have completed plates 1, 2 and 3, have plate 4 97% done and other plates partly finished.

Mr. Goodwin does not exaggerate when he says there are three different mis-strikes or double transfers. In reality there are over fifty. I have not been able to identify his types B. and C. The term 'shifted die' is wrong as the 'die' had nothing to do with this accident.

Regarding the so-called 'watermark.' This consists of a narrow band of lines running entirely across the sheet horizontally. This 'watermark' is never found in both stamps of a vertical pair, but frequently on horizontal pairs and strips and always showing all the way across. I have several vertical pairs, but one stamp of which is 'watermarked.' It is caused by the stitching on the felt band on which the paper pulp is carried from the vat. It certainly was never used to identify the paper. It exists on all printings and shades. This watermark is also found on the perforated stamps of this issue, and, in fact, can be found on all U. S. issues at least up to 1895. Much paper, particularly tissue paper, made to-day shows this same 'watermark.'

As Mr. Goodwin states both Types I and II have been listed part-perforate —Type I both horizontally and vertically and Type II vertically. I have been looking years for any of these errors in pairs or strips, but have never seen any even in some of the richest U. S. collections. I am a bit skeptical as to their existence. Can anyone inform me where such a pair may be seen?"

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A Matter of a Month—The following letter from a Baltimore subscriber suggests a fruitful source of discussion: "Could you tell me through the columns of your valued paper, the date of issue of the 1861, United States one-cent, first and second issues. I have in my possession, an entire cover on which is a one-cent 1861, and a three-cent of the same issue. The postmark is Philadelphia, Sept. 20, 1861. The three-cent, undoubtedly, is of the second issue but I cannot tell as to the one-cent. If, however, you could tell me the date of issue of the second set, probably all points would be cleared up." Interest in the two issues of 1861 has developed since the tendency to study postmarks and cancellations of the earlier United States issues has become emphasized. The hope that springs eternal in the human breast is at flood-tide when the collector searches for premières gravures, as the first or so-called August issue of 1861 is termed. The classification of the August and September issue is a theoretical one as regards the date of use, as for instance, Mr. Luff records the three cent of the second or September type with the postmark of August 18, 1861. While the date of the August issue is not definitely known, yet there is contributory details that allow it to be placed as August 15th, 1861. The stamps were not ready on August 1st, as it was announced originally that they would be but even so, the contract with the National Bank Note Company, having expired June 10th, 1861 and a new one with the same company having been ratified, the issue must have been prepared under pressure. The stamps as at first engraved were not satisfactory and veritable "finishing touches" were added to all the denominations except the twenty-four and thirty cents. The colors, too, of the second issue were modulated and a more serviceable paper was adopted instead of the thin, hard, yellowish white wove paper of the August stamps, which with their very dark brown gum were of a very brittle kind. The department was reluctant to fill orders for stamps with the unsatisfactory productions of the first issue and so few of the August were distributed that for many years experienced philatelists regarded the occasional specimen of the rare set that they found to be essays. The unfinished appearance of the twelve-cent of the August set, for instance, gave a basis for placing the stamp under the category of essay.

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So it Seems—Evidently the stamps of the August type that were finished first were those of the denominations of most popular use and the same was the case in relation to the stamps of the second or September type, as shown by the postmark of August 18, 1861, that has been mentioned. So insistent was the demand for new stamps from some of the cities that it could not be ignored and a comparatively few requisitions were filled with the August stamps but soon after the September stamps were despatched to replace the first stamps. Reverting to the one-cent mentioned by our correspondent, there is some possibility of its being an August example in view of its postmark of September 20th; but if it is, its color is indigo, and the dash that is found just above the ornament in the upper right corner in the common one-cent stamp, is missing. Then, too, the paper characteristics may afford a clue. At least, our reader has something worth keeping even if the stamp is of the September type, as September 20th, is certainly an early date for the one-cent stamp.

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"Pigs is Pigs"—The reply to the following question which has been received from H. R. C. may possess some general interest: "Will you kindly tell me why the current issue of the Bermuda stamps is called the Hog Money type?" The Bermuda Islands were named from Juan Bermudez, their discoverer, in 1527; but even so, they are called Somers Islands, in some of the records of the past, in honor of Sir George Somers, an Englishman, whose shipwreck on one of the islands lead to their colonization in 1611. What is said to have been the first coin made in North America was produced in 1616 for "Sommer Islands;" and on one side of the coin a wild hog, as indigenous to the Bermudas as the "razorback" is to the south of this country, is depicted. While the artistry of the picture is crude, yet it is to be seen that a peculiarity of the hog on the coin is that a luxuriant line of bristles extends from his neck to his tail. On the reverse side of the coin is the picture of the pennanted vessel of archaic design that appears on the current stamps of Bermuda; perhaps, the illustration is one of the very boat in which Sir George Sommers was shipwrecked something over three centuries ago. The significance of "Hog Money" in connection with the stamps has now been made clear, we trust.

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CANADIAN STAMPS IN ROLLS.

Clipping from H. Clarkson.

Word has been received by the Canadian Manufacturers' Association that the Post Office Department has agreed to issue stamps in one and two cent denominations in the form of rolls as well as in sheet form. There will be five hundred in a roll and an extra charge of six cents per roll will be made to cover the cost of manufacture.

This will prove a great boom to industrial firms both as regards the saving of time and the prevention of pilfering. The action of the Department is due to repeated representations made by the Canadian Manufacturers' Association. The new rolls will be available about the first of September.

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By Frank E. Goodwin.

Chapter VII!

1 Cent, Issue of 1861-1868.

Although not as prolific in types and minor varieties as the 1 cent stamps which preceded this issue, this stamp is, nevertheless, worthy of deep study, and the specialist will have much to busy himself with before he has exhausted the field. The standard catalog gives the lowest value of the series in three shades, and laid paper, without grill and two shades each in two sizes of grills, making eight collectible stamps according to the catalog.

This of course, is not counting the August issue which is not likely to come into the hands of many of our readers, and the 1 cent grilled all over, considered by experts to be only an essay at best.

The catalog describes the difference between the August and September issues, so I will not take up time, nor patience in trying to tell collectors how to detect the two. I believe that a few of the August 1 centers ought to be found as there were about 5,000,000 of them printed before the dash was added under the tip of ornament at top of the left hand corner of the stamp.

The first stamp—without that precious dash—was issued, according to the best data possible to find, on August 14, 1861. One plate was used and the color was a deep indigo.

As the contour of the entire August issue was not pleasing, and the paper was easily destroyed, the stamps were re-touched, fixed up in various ways, and printed upon a paper which would not crack and break so easily. These have been called the September issue, and were issued sometime during that month—exact date not known. In fact, it was a good many years after this time that it was learned there were two distinct issues. What copies of the August stamps existed were believed to be only essays, and probably a good many were destroyed or thrown away, on that account.

The stamps were printed by the National Bank Note Co., New York.

The issue of ungrilled 1 cent September, was 133,542,960, less about 5,000,000 of the August issue.

The September stamp was printed from 5 plates—Nos. 9, 10, 22, 25, 27.

Mr. Luff gives the following shades which seems to be correct—deep dull blue, pale dull blue, dull blue, gray blue, slate blue, pale blue, blue, bright blue, Prussian blue, chalky blue, ultramarine and deep ultramarine.

The common paper is white wove variety, and occasionally found on vertically laid paper. The latter is always a very deep blue, almost indigo in shade.

Several thicknesses of wove paper are found, it coming in thick, medium, thin and very thin texture.

I cannot designate the grilled stamps of this denomination (nor in fact of any of this issue) as separate issue, as told by the catalog. The same plates were used to print the same stamps in the grilled and ungrilled issues, and as there was no change, except to break the texture of the paper by use of an embossing die, I must insist that what is known as the 1867-68 issue be called nothing but the "grilled" variety of the 1861 issue.

The catalog gives the 1 cent grilled in two sizes, 11x13 and 9x13, with pale blue and deep blue shades of each. Not a very long list for the collector who sticks to his numbers, to be sure.

The issue of grilled stamps is given as being 14,354,900. But I believe that many of the stamps accounted for under the ungrilled variety were grilled making this number considerably larger.

The grill measures 12½x12 rows to 10mms.

The grilling process was begun about May 8, 1867. It was continued through the balance of the issue.

With the exception of the "grilled all over" I have never seen the 1 cent stamp with grill points up, except in case of stamps folded, in which case a part of the grill shows points down, and the balance points up.

I have a stamp of this variety with grill 11x13 placed sideways.

The following sizes of grills are known:

Grill	11x14,	showing	14x18	points.
	11x13½,	“	14x17	“
	11x13,	“	14x16	“
	11x12,	“	14x15	“
	10x13½,	“	13x17	“
	9x13½,	“	12x17	“
	9x13,	“	12x16	“
	9x12,	“	12x15	“
	9x10,	“	12x13	“

It is a noticeable fact that the larger grills are on thicker paper than the smaller ones, and the late prints are on very thin, brittle paper with much "snap" when sprung with the finger.

The stamp, without grill, was overprinted in Old English characters "Specimen". As the "Specimen" stamps were not issued for postal use the collector must use his own judgment as to collecting them. Personally, I consider them an interesting sub-variety, and as only 20,500 sets were printed they will, some day, be valuable as specialists will absorb them and ask for more.

A freak essay of this stamp was made to prevent using the stamp more than once. It was printed in pinkish red, in the same plate form as the regular September issue, and at the top had a label to be torn off by the postal official, reading:

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This essay was grilled 11x14, and not pressed out by hydraulic pressure. It measured 20x23mms., and the frame was 2½ ems wide, with the above inscription inside. These essays sell for from $3 to $5 each.

The 1 cent ungrilled and grilled varieties are found with double perforations vertical and horizontal.

The following check list is suggested:

Block of four.
Strip of three.
Horizontal and vertical pairs.
Singles, in shades, as above.
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CHRONICLE OF NEW ISSUES AND VARIETIES

Edited by HENRY A. KIDDER.

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UNITED STATES.—C. M. Breder sends us a cover having one of the current 3c stamps which has been printed in pale violet, very nearly the color of the current 50c stamp. This cover was mailed in New York and used to carry a copy of *Edison's Monthly*.

Howard C. Buttermore informs us that he has seen a plate number block of six of the 3c postage due stamp with single line watermark. This block has the Bureau imprint, open star and No. 5523.

M. T. Perkins reports having found various imperfections in the current stamps, including small colored dots in the right "2" of the 2c, and a colored line across the right "2" on another stamp. A similar colored line was found on the "C" of "Cents" of the 5c value. Mr. Perkins also reports having seen a cover which had passed through the mails with a 1c Cuban stamp of the current issue in place of the United States stamp. This cover was held for postage at the office of delivery.

L. Kopf reports having found "a copy of the 1895 6c on the revenue paper, which makes another copy to be added to 12 known, as stated in the Official Check List. This copy is in good condition, lightly cancelled, and shows the whole of the R very plainly."

F. B. Eldredge, reports the following new Precancels:—

St. Louis, Mo., 2c 1912, normal; type II.
Yonkers, N. Y., 1c 1912, normal; type V.
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St. Louis, Mo., 1c 1912, normal; type II.
Cincinnati, O., 2c 1912, normal; type VI.
Lyons, N. Y., 3c 1908-09, inverted; type I.
Springfield, Mass., 3c 1910, normal; type II.
Manchester, N. H., 10c 1910, inverted; type I.
Riverton, N. J., 1c 1912, normal; type I; purple ink.
Chicago, Ill., 3c 1910, inverted; upper a hair line; type V.
Rochester, N. Y., 2c 1912, normal; type II.
Buffalo, N. Y., 1c 1912, inverted; type IV.
Battle Creek, Mich., 1c 1912, normal; type II.

Henry McConnell, has shown us an entire cover sent out by the Rudolph Wurlitzer Co., of Detroit, Mich., bearing a Cincinnati, Ohio, 1912, 1c stamp, normal, type VI.

BAHAMAS.—The first of the King George set has come to hand, the design being the same as for the King Edward set with the exception of the substitution of the portrait of the former for that of his father. Strangely enough the new stamp is printed in the same color as the previous issue, instead of being in the color prescribed in the new color scheme. We have been shown a used copy by Hermann Focke, who reports that the new set was issued August 1, all being in the same design and colors as those of the King Edward set of 1902. The 1d value has not yet appeared, as the supply of the old stamps has not been exhausted. The values now on sale are the ½d, 2½d, 4d, 6d, 1sh, 5sh and 1.

Adhesive.

6d bistre brown.

BARBADOS.—Hermann Focke has shown us the first of the King George set from this Colony, which has adopted for its stamps a design at once handsome and distinctive. The stamp is of the usual size of the Colonial stamps, but the familiar key plates have been departed from with a charming effect. It is in fact a successful attempt to combine the King's Head with the familiar "Britannia and Sea Horses." The portrait of King George appears in an oval surmounted by a crown in the upper left corner, this part of the design occupying very nearly a quarter of the stamp. The name of the Colony appears in colorless letters across the bottom of the stamp. Just above this, in the lower left corner, is a shield with the value also in colorless letters and figures. Britannia and her horses are placed in the lower right corner, just above the name tablet, overhung with tall stalks of sugar cane. The stamp before us is printed in a single color, and it certainly presents the finest appearance of any of the King George stamps yet issued. Mr. Focke also reports having seen the ½d value in the same design.

Adhesives.

¼d brown.
½d green.

BERMUDA.—Several weeks ago we chronicled the 6d and 1sh stamps of Bermuda in the ship type, on the authority of *Gibbons Monthly*. We have now been shown these stamps by W. H. Peckitt.

BOLIVIA.—We are also indebted to Hermann Focke for specimens of the new provisionals chronicled in No. 1128, credit for which should have been previously given. The L. L. Albright Co., has also shown us a specimen of the 5c provisional of this series.

BRUNEI.—We have been shown the 4c and 25c values of the current set of Brunei, in the single colors, by W. H. Peckitt.

COSTA RICA.—John Nelson submits two curiosities from this country, both being surcharges on the fiscal stamps of 1910. The 10c olive gray has been surcharged "1911," and used for postage, while the 2 colonies stamp of the same issue has been surcharged "Habilitado—1911" and later "1912" has been printed at the bottom of the stamp without obliterating the previous surcharged date. This stamp has some cancellation, too indistinct to be identified.

CYPRUS.—As announced in No. 1128, the ½pi, 4pi and 6pi values of the new King George set were placed on sale before the middle of July. Specimens have now been shown us by Whitfield King & Co. The colors are the same as the previous issue.

Adhesives.

½pi green and carmine.
4pi olive green and violet.
6pi olive and green.

DENMARK.—Another of the higher values has now appeared in the figure type, like the 5 ore value chronicled in No. 1127. A specimen has been shown us by Whitfield King & Co.

Adhesive.

20 ore dark blue.

GILBERT & ELLICE ISLANDS.—A. C. Roessler has shown us the ½d value of the new King George set, chronicled some time since by the *Schweizer Briefmarken Zeitung* from "Specimen" copies. The 5d, 6d and 1sh values have also been previously chronicled. Hermann Focke has also shown us a used copy of the same stamp, which was issued June 8 or earlier. The 1d, 2d and 2½d have not yet been issued as the stamps of these values in the Pandanus type have not been exhausted but will be in the near future.

GREAT BRITAIN.—*Ewen's Weekly* of July 27, reports that efforts to find the new stamps announced by the *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly* had failed.

GREECE.—*Gibbons Monthly* reports having seen the 3d carmine rose of the current type in imperforate condition.

KEDAH.—W. H. Peckitt has shown us the full set of Kedah stamps, as described in No. 1127.

SEYCHELLES.—Whitfield King & Co., have now shown us the 15c value, chronicled some time since on the authority of a foreign contemporary.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—W. A. Kain has shown us a freak copy of the 2d purple of 1900, which has a number of wavy lines across the face, indicating some damage to the plate from which the stamp was printed. There are a number of these lines, and the indications are that the damage to the plate extended over several stamps.

A NEW STAMP ISSUE.

Clipping from C. M. BREDER.

ATHENS, Greece, Aug. 10.—The Turkish island of Nicaria (also known as Icaria), in the Aegean Sea, has proclaimed its independence of the Turkish Government. The inhabitants, who number about 13,000, seized and imprisoned all the Turkish officials.

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The collector who does not limit his interest in stamps to the issues of the British Empire has a most attractive field for his activities in bringing together the fine old stamps of the United States. For variety of portraiture and design, and for the general quality of engraving, these stamps stand alone, excelling the issues of any other single country. The manner of their engraving was the same process as that used for the first stamps of Great Britain and for many of our Colonies, but the Americans were not, as England was, restricted to one portrait. From the first regular Government issue of stamps in the United States, when there were but two denominations, the portraits of Franklin and Washington shared the honours of representation. At a later period other celebrities were admitted to figure on United States stamps, but history has recently repeated itself, and to-day all the lesser lights have disappeared from the miniature portrait gallery, leaving only the portraits of the two heroes who first figured on the American stamps.

As to the first issue of United States stamps, the date is approximately fixed by a record of a visit paid by the Hon. Henry Shaw, the father of Josh Billings to Mr. Cave Johnson, Postmaster-General, on Aug. 5, 1847, when he saw and purchased copies of the new stamps just received from the printer. The two stamps were the 5 cents, brown, and 10 cents, black. The former bears a three-quarter face portrait to left of Benjamin Franklin, after a painting by J. B. Longacre. Franklin's connection with the Post Office as the first Postmaster-General of the United Sates, made the use of his portrait especially appropriate and it has always been retained, generally on the lowest denomination, in each successive set of American stamps. The portrait of Washington is after the familiar Gilbert Stuart painting, the original of which is now exhibited at the Boston Museum of Fine Arts. Both stamps are to be numbered amongst the finest examples of stamp engraving; they were printed by Messrs. Rawdon, Wright, Hatch, and Edson, of New York. Long after they became obselete, and the plates had been destroyed, they were officially imitated, not, however, with such complete success as to present any difficulty in distinguishing the originals from the imitations.

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The contract under which the 1847 issue of stamps was printed expired in 1851, and a more advantageous one was made with a Philadelphia firm, Messrs. Toppan, Carpenter, Casilear, and Co. This firm produced the stamps for the United States during the next ten years. By reason of alterations in postal rates the values at first required of the new contractors were the 1 cent, 3 and 12 cents; later, in 1855-6, the denominations 5 cents and 10 cents were reinstated in the list of stamp values; and finally, in 1860, three high values, the 24, 30, and 90 cents stamps were issued. The 24 cents was required for ½ oz. letters to Great Britain, twelve times the present cost of a 1 oz. letter. During this extension of the series of stamp values perforating was introduced by the contractors (1857), the gauge being 15. The portraits here are copies of several famous originals, but only one—the 5 cents—introduces a new personage in Thomas Jefferson, after a painting of that President by Gilbert Stuart. The 90 cents stamp has a particularly effective vignette of Washington in general's uniform, after the portrait by John Trumbull.

When the Civil War broke out in 1861 the postmasters in the disloyal States were in possession of considerable stocks of the stamps of the issue just described. To prevent these stocks being used to the detriment of the revenue the Postmaster-General had a new set prepared under a new contract, this time with the National Bank Note Company of New York. The old stamps were demonetized, those in possession of the loyal postmasters being exchanged for the new issue. The new stamps repeated the same portraits and values as before, but they were differently treated and in new frame designs. In the urgent circumstances necessitating this issue it was not surprising that the designs as first engraved were not altogether satisfactory. The stamps were issued at the earliest possible opportunity, beginning about Aug. 15, 1861, and the engravers were then already at work upon improved dies and plates from which the printings began to be issued in September.

Thus we get the two series styled the August and September issues of 1861. Their resemblance is close, but it is important that the collector should be able to distinguish. The stamps of the August issue, the "premières gravures," are very scarce; indeed, in the case of some of the denominations it is an open question whether they were ever used. In any event, the period of circulation of the August types was but a few days, and a complete set of the "premières gravures" is a possession of great price. The 10 cents is the only value at all commonly met with used, and that is catalogued at 30s, against 9d for the September issue. An unused set of the stamps of August, 1861, has fetched over £500 at auction in New York.

In spite of their rarity some of the "premières gravures" are occasionally found confused with the commoner stamps of the September set. In order to distinguish between the two series the collector should study enlarged photographs and note that, in some cases, very minute differences, the addition of a stroke or two in the September designs. In other instances, as the 3, 5, and 12 cents, the first designs present more prominent differences, as they are of irregular outline, with rounded corners, which have been filled out to a more rectangular finish in the later type. In the case of the 24 cents and 30 cents no alteration was required, but the first printings of these can be distinguished by the violet colour of the 24 cents and the pale orange of the 30 cents of the August issues. The paper on which the "premières gravures" are printed is thin, hard, and brittle, and of a yellowish-white appearance.

The odd-looking 2-cents stamp (nicknamed "Bighead"), issued in 1863 to supplement the September, 1861, series, presents a full-face portrait of Andrew Jackson, his head occupying nearly the whole area of the stamp design. In 1866 another new value was added, the 15 cents, which presented a portrait of Abraham Lincoln. These two stamps and the series to which they were added continued in use during the early period of the "grille," an American invention which was introduced to prevent the fraudulent cleaning of obliterated stamps for reuse. The effect of the grille was to emboss the paper so as to break its fibres (after the stamps were printed), so that the obliterating ink would sink well into the paper, and thus defeat the efforts of the cleaners. During this period in the United States the fear of illicit re-use of stamps seems to have alarmed the authorities more than any risks of forgery, and many curious inventions were submitted to the Government. Of these, however, the grille was the only one which had any long-sustained trial, and it was tried in a variety of forms before it was finally discarded in the seventies.—*London Telegraph.*

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WITH THE BOY PHILATELIST.

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COLLECTION ARRANGEMENT.

In a letter recently received a correspondent writes:—"Although I have had a blank loose-leaf postage stamp album for about four months I have put off arranging my stamps in it because I do not know a good way to place varieties of color, perforations, etc. If you could give me some advice I would be much obliged."

The arrangement of stamps in a blank album calls for a certain amount of taste and system, but after a little experience, accompanied by the spoiling of a few leaves, a collector soon gets the "knack" of placing his stamps so that each variety is given its logical place among the others and so that each page is "balanced."

The majority of blank albums are, nowadays, much of a size with an average space for stamps on each page of about 6½ by 9 inches. This mounting space is covered by a faint quadrillè pattern so that it is a simple matter to get one's rows of stamps perfectly straight. As a rule, from six to eight rows of stamps can be mounted on a page and about seven is the maximum number that can be placed in a row. It is advisable not to overcrowd for the effect of a whole page is spoilt if it contains too many stamps. It is better to err by allowing too much room rather than too little.

To obtain the best results the greatest neatness must be observed and a little common sense must be used in mapping out the plan suitable for each page. Neatness in mounting is of the very first importance for the most superb specimens will look commonplace if mounted in a slovenly fashion. There is no excuse for untidy work for the quadrillè at once enables the collector to mount each stamp in the proper position and also to place the stamps on any particular row and the rows themselves at regular spaces.

So many collectors using a blank album think it is their bounden duty to crowd as many stamps on a page as possible, and with that "laudable" object in view, they mount the first stamp in the upper left-hand corner, and follow the others all as close together as possible, row by row, ignoring such trifles as different issues and regardless of the most elementary ideas of symmetry. This is, of course, altogether the wrong way. Each issue must be kept entirely separate. Thus if one has two issues of stamps, one containing three varieties and the other two, these must not be placed in the same horizontal row but each must be allowed a row to itself. Furthermore, the stamps should be mounted in the centre of the page and not as near the left-hand side as possible. For the sake of illustration we will presume we have four issues to mount on one of our pages comprising seven, three, four, and eight stamps respectively. We find eight will not go in a row and seven has a rather crowded appearance so we decide to allow two rows to each of these issues. In all we, thus, have six horizontal rows and allowing a fair space between these they fill the page nicely. The 22 stamps will be arranged as follows:—

1 2 3 4 5
6 7
8 9 10
11 12 13 14
15 16 17 18 19
20 21 22

THE RIGHT WAY.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7
8 9 10 11 12 13 14
15 16 17 18 19 20 21
22

THE WRONG WAY.

For comparison we have shown how the same stamps would be placed by the economically minded collector on the "straight-row-fill-all-the-space" plan. Comment is needless.

No matter how many stamps are to be arranged in a row start mounting from the centre and be careful that the stamps are equidistant one from the other. Thus in arranging the top row of five stamps as shown above first of all No. 3 should be mounted in the exact centre of the row, then No. 2, No. 1, No. 4 and No. 5. It is a simple matter to get exactly the same space between the stamps for one has only to allow, say, 2 of the small squares of the quadrillè pattern. Another important point—see that the space between the rows is equal. Do not allow two squares between two rows, five between others, and so on.

The above plan covers an ordinary straight-forward single copy collection.

Where blocks, shades, and varieties are collected a different plan must be followed and here more difficulties present themselves. We will presume, for the sake of illustration, that we have to arrange a page of varieties of the 2c United States stamps of 1908 and have for this purpose five different shades, a pair on bluish paper, vertical and horizontal pairs of the 12 and 8½ perf. Government coils, a block of four imperforates, and two strips of three showing imprint and plate number. The best arrangement would be as follows:—

1 2 3 4 5
6-7
10 12
8-9 14-15
11 13
16 17
18 19
20-21-22 23-24-25

Nos. 1 to 5 represent the shades, Nos. 6 and 7 the pair on bluish paper, Nos. 8, 9, 14 and 15, the horizontal coils; Nos. 10, 11, 12 and 13 the vertical pairs; Nos. 16, 17, 18 and 19 the imperforate block; and Nos. 20 to 25 the plate number strips. Other varieties and combinations can be arranged on much the same plan.

SHORT REPLIES.

A. E. L. (New York)—The departmental stamps of Colombia are, I believe, only good for postage within the limits of that department or at most within the republic itself. The Colombian stamps proper are necessary for international mail.

BACK WITH US AGAIN!

After a vacation M. Ohlman, who was with us all last winter, is back in our columns and his offers will be found elsewhere in this issue.

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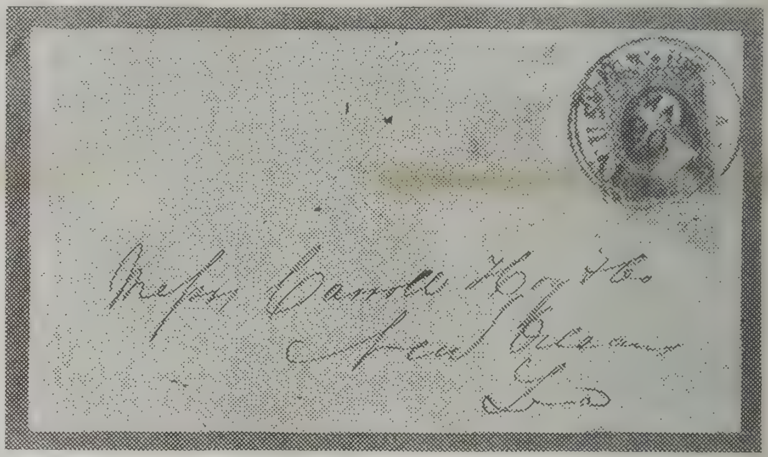
We illustrate a curiosity by courtesy of Jac. Meyer and we quote from his letter which will give the desired information:—

"In going over some old letters I found a 3c red Tuscumbia envelope on buff paper (see Scott No. 138). It was covered by a 3c 1857 adhesive cancelled in black, Tuscumbia, Ala.

I took off the stamp without harming the envelope and replaced it on the envelope with a hinge, as per illustration.

It will be noted that this is a 3c envelope, while Scott's lists only the 5c variety. I thought the curiosity would be of interest to the readers of the WEEKLY."

We present the two cuts herewith:—



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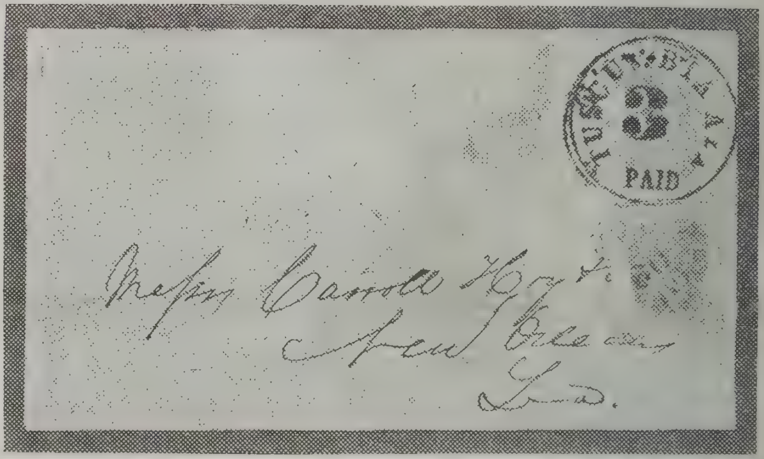

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FIRST AERIAL MAIL ROUTE.

Philadelphia Aviator Will Fly Every Day from Ocean City to Stone Harbor.

Clipping from F. W. LYNES.

Marshall Earle Reed, the Philadelphia aviator, who made the first flight from New York to this city with a passenger, and who has recently been giving exhibitions at League Island in hydroplaning, has been appointed by the Postmaster General to conduct the first regular aeroplane mail-carrying service in the country. The service will be established Aug. 3, between Ocean City and Stone Harbor, N. J., and, if successful, will be made a permanent summer route.

Reed received his commission from the Post Office Department yesterday morning at the Navy Yard, while preparing his machine for its new career, and by noon he was ready to take up the work. The machine was mounted upon a truck to be towed to the Market street ferries behind an automobile. At the ferries the party was given an ovation by a delegation of the Aero Club of Pennsylvania, under whose auspices the service will be conducted. A large crowd had congregated at the ferry, and it was with difficulty that the machine was safely loaded on the boat.

Just before the boat left the slip Reed was handed a letter from the Stone Harbor Yacht Club challenging him to race his aeroplane between Ocean City and Stone Harbor against the swiftest racing vessels of the club. Without hesitation he penned a telegram accepting the challenge.

Today (Aug. 1—Ed.) Reed will be sworn in at Ocean City as a duly authorized United States mail carrier, and will at once enter upon his new duties. Trips back and forth between the two coast towns will be made daily for one week. The distance between the two places is a trifle less than 20 miles, which Reed expects to cover in from 20 to 25 minutes. The time between the two points by train is 28 minutes.

The machine with which Reed will maintain the service is the Wright biplane in which he flew to this city from New York, and subsequently converted into a hydroplane. The machine is still equipped with pontoons, and will be operated as a hydroplane, most of the flying being done over the water.—*Philadelphia Record.*

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The value of specialism is found nowhere to greater extent than in the common red Three Cent Stamp of the war times. The general collector does not know what it means to study stamps, and will never know until he has taken up this issue, and in a considerable measure mastered its possibilities.

And right here I want to say that the catalog as we know it can only be taken as a make-shift until something better is provided. It has no business to list types or shades. For just the minute a collector secures types I, II and III of the 1851 one cent, the type I and II of the three cent 1857, the different types of the 5 cent brown of the same last issue, or the red brown and brown; or the pink, the lake, the scarlet, or any two colors of the rose of the three cent 1861, or even the different sizes of grills in the grilled varieties of the same issue, he begins specializing.

The general collector has no need of but one of each—the specialist acquires dozens and hundreds—each with some distinguishing feature to commend itself to a place in his album.

To go back to the three cent—issue of 1861-1868—there are but two plate varieties—the so-called August and September issues. The first is a very rare stamp (why I do not know, for many were printed and must have been used). The characteristics are well defined in the catalogs and handbooks, and need not be repeated here.

The first of the September issues to be used were the pink and bright rose. Early in 1862 the colors became variant, and Mr. Luff chronicles this stamp in pale rose, rose, rose red, deep rose red, brownish rose, deep red, carmine lake, orange red, and scarlet.

Twenty-seven plates were used for the printing of 1,772,658,870 stamps, including the August issue. The August stamps were printed from Plate 2, the later issues from Plates 11, 12, 13, 14, 19, 20, 21, 23, 24, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 52, 54, 55.

As will be seen above this stamp is very prolific in shades. It is not rare in either used or unused condition, and it is possible to get large blocks at a fair premium.

The pink—a color which many believe they have, and which but few really possess—has a peculiar tinge, with a slightly bluish cast, which, once become familiar with, is never forgotten. The lake and scarlet are hard shades to describe, and must first be seen to thereafter pass judgment upon. Many used copies are called lake, and so placed in collections, but they are only carmine-lake. I believe the true lake was never intended for postage, and for my own part I would as soon have a finished proof in both the lake and scarlet as to have the genuine stamp, so far as its postalic value is concerned.

The paper varieties are numerous. It will be found in paper ranging from very thick to very thin, and intermediate thicknesses. It comes in vertical laid paper also.

It is said to exist in a double paper variety, too.

A paper used for some of this issue, but unknown to all except the specialist, is what is known to revenue collectors as "Old" paper. They are identical in shade, texture, weight, etc., and are worthy of a place in the albums of collectors.

Double perforations, horizontal and vertical, are not rare.

Black, pen, and blue cancellations are about evenly divided as to commonness. Green cancellations are somewhat rarer. Strange as it may seem the rarest cancellation in this issue is red. It is seldom found, unless existing as a daub. Year cancellations are common; Paid cancellations rather scarce.

The stamp was printed on chemical paper—a brownish wove kind, and also on white wove paper in different colored changeable inks which, on being touched by acids would change colors completely. It was also printed in a water color ink which would disappear entirely when steps were taken to clean the stamps.

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We can just touch upon it from a subscription standpoint only and the day in question will be Monday, August 19:—

C. L. Ek has had the honor for years of giving our mailing list the least trouble in handling his name. Today, however, C. M. Ku joins our loyal list of subscribers from a Michigan city.

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A. N. Murdock sends in a new name from Marion, Mass., and writes: "Will try and get you more new subscribers."

And when the work of the day has been summarized we find among the items *twenty-six new subscriptions* and *eleven two-year* renewals. It has been a hard day for the managing editor *but his work is appreciated.*

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We are indebted to Eugene Klein and W. T. Wilson for official cards from the great German Philatelic gathering at Marktredwitz, Bavaria. The conference is honored as in the past with a special cancellation of matter mailed therefrom as follows: "XXIV Deutscher Philatelisten Tag—Marktredwitz."

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THE WORK OF AN EXHIBITION.

By ONE WHO KNOWS.

The Clerk of the Weather, however unkind he may be to the August holiday-maker, is probably anxious for the success of the Jubilee International Stamp Exhibition. For this August many folk instead of basking in a scorching sun at the seaside are content and glad to be at home slogging away at the arrangement of their collections for the coming contest.

The weather has a very considerable influence on matters philatelic and had the present summer been a repetition of the tropical and sustained heat of last year, I doubt me whether it would not have told its tale in fewer and less studied exhibits at the October show. As it is, however, with snow and frost in August, and rain-storms galore, one hears on all sides of the progress being made with the entries for the great show.

Not only amongst exhibitors will the effect be noticed. The organisers are finding that while most of the arrangements were completed long before the holiday season set in, their helpers are carrying on their various operations practically without any holiday break, and the amount of printed matter distributed and correspondence dealt with has placed the Exhibition on a basis of forwardness that has probably never been equalled in past exhibitions two months prior to the opening date.

All this is very gratifying to those who have thrown themselves heart and soul into this gigantic effort. I use the word gigantic advisedly, for in the earlier days of the preparations it was not easy to impress all with the enormous advance in extent to be covered in this, over the previous great exhibitions.

A few simple figures may illustrate the truly gigantic proportions of the coming venture.

Date.	*Exhibition.*	*Area.*
1905.	British.	1,564 sq. ft.
1908.	Imperial.	9,000 sq. ft.
1909.	Golden West.	2,588 sq. ft.
1912.	*Jubilee International.*	*17,920 sq. ft.*

The increase, when one considers that it is in a building centrally located, in the heart of the metropolis of the world, means not merely double the work of the Imperial Exhibition of 1908, which was carried out with such *eclat* on an expenditure of barely £300; it means more than double that in cost.

In duration the Exhibition will be a considerable advance on former efforts. The period during which the previous exhibitions were open were:

British,	17 hours.
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Another interesting comparison is the time required for furnishing the hall and arranging the exhibits in the cases.

At Exeter Hall in 1905 under 20 hours were available for setting up and taking down, at Caxton Hall the workers were only able to get in at 11 p. m. on the night preceding the opening ceremony, *i. e.*, allowing a bare sixteen hours for the fitting up. This time it will require a lively hustle to have everything ready in 71 hours from the moment the hall is cleared for action. That means day and night work.

The present writer has been associated with all the above mentioned exhibitions, and as each new effort is undertaken on these lines the marvel arises anew in one's mind that men, young men and older men gladly render not only of their cash, but what is ofttimes far more precious, their time and energy, to devote both to unaccustomed and hard work during unaccustomed and trying hours to make a successful exhibition, which shall delight its thousands of visitors. There is nothing like an exhibition for bringing out the latent forces for work and achievement in a society of earnest stamp-collectors. And no firmer friendships are ever formed than those begun in the comradeship of work and which grow apace as the work continues into the bleak chill hours of morning. There is much fellow-feeling in those early hours, when one can only keep warm by vigorous hammering, running at one's task instead of walking, swilling hot coffee to keep awake, and cheerily looking forward to the arrival of the morning gang when we shall be free to grant ourselves a short respite for grateful breakfast and the comforting bath.

Yes, I marvel that we do it, but I am glad to think that at such times the work is willing, and many who remain quiescent in a society's activities year in and year out, turn up trumps as workers when an Exhibition comes along.

Of course, the work has its rewards: it is strenuously done under pressure of time and resources, its rewards have been not less strenuous in the Exhibitions of 1905 and 1908. Long before the appointed time the sound of assembling crowds reaches to us within the precincts and tells us that our work is not going to be wasted, that people are going to come and enjoy what we have been preparing. Later, when the doors have been opened, and we find it difficult to move about as freely in the broad gangways as we did at midnight or in the sma' hours, we feel that our reward is complete if everybody comes and if everybody goes away satisfied.

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STAMPS OF THE CAYMAN ISLANDS.

By A. LEON ADUTT.

(Concluded from page 259.)

The first printing of the 1d and 5s was placed on sale at the Georgetown Post Office on November 23rd, 1907, and remained in circulation till December 9th, when, owing to a sudden demand for a large number of penny stamps, principally required for legal receipt purposes, three more sheets were surcharged, making in all eighteen, and a total of 2160 stamps. By this time all ½d stamps had run very low, and a single sheet only remained for sale; consequently it became necessary to provide a further supply of ½d stamps, and another fifteen sheets of the 5s ones were used for this purpose and issued for public use on November 28th, 1907, three days after the appearance of the Provisional. The overprint, although made in the same manner, is noteworthy for the fact of there not being any fraction bar between the "1" and "2" of ½d. The total number of this Provisional being 1800, only one printing took place.

Of the several varieties the most important of all of which I have a copy, are the "double surcharge," a surcharge inverted, and an unsurcharged stamp *se tenant* with the surcharged copies. Up to a few months ago my copy was considered unique, but I recently discovered another in the bottom row of the right-hand sheet of a frame acquired last October from America. I knew of the existence of this frame abroad for some time, but a considerable interval elapsed before negotiations were eventually settled which resulted in it being sent to England and handed over to me, together with a frame of two sheets of the 1d and 5s. These are undoubtedly unique, and it gives me much pleasure to show them publicly for the first time to-night to the members present of the Royal Philatelic Society, London. The two frames with the 1d and 5s overprint seem to have been most carefully executed. The only variety which I have not seen before occurs in the third stamp in the second row: the "1" is shown slanting with double the space between it and "D" as compared with any other stamp on the frame. This variety was evidently caused by the metal front working loose in the rough wooden handle that was made to hold the same, and must have been immediately corrected for the stamps on either side of the variety are quite normal.

The arrival of the long looked for consignment of ½d and 1d stamps (100 sheets of each value) in the new type, on December 27th, 1907, removed for the time being the necessity for issuing any further Provisional.

SUMMARY.

Provisionals, 1907. Overprinted in black.
Watermark Multiple CA.

One Halfpenny on 1d carmine.
½d on 5s salmon and emerald-green.

Varieties.

1. Overprint inverted.
2. Double overprint.
3. Unsurcharged in pair with normal.
4. Figure "1" of ½d missing.
5. "d" of ½d missing.
6. Surcharged above and not touching the value tablet.
7. Figure "2" of ½d missing.

1d on 5s salmon and emerald-green.

Varieties.

1. Double overprint.
2. "1" of 1d missing.
3. Surcharge not touching value tablet.
4. Slanting figure 1 with wide spacing between it and the "D."

The 2½d on 4d Provisional.

The steam yacht *Zenaida*, with Sir Frederick Johnson and the Countess of Wilton on board, touched at Georgetown on February 12th, 1908, and offered before leaving to carry a mail to Cienfuegos, Cuba. The local authorities gladly availed themselves of the offer as in the ordinary course no mail was due till the end of the month. But owing to a large number of letters being consigned as usual to the United States, a big quantity of 2½d stamps were required. Unfortunately the stock was quite exhausted, a supply being expected by the vessel which would take off the next outward mail. It being deemed advisable to keep intact the rapidly declining stock of ½d and 1d stamps, instructions were issued for a sufficient number of 4d "Postage—Postage" stamps to be overprinted "2½d" in order to supply the public demand for this outgoing mail.

Four sheets (480 stamps) of the current 4d stamp were therefore surcharged by the Inspector of the Police, Mr. J. H. O'Sullivan, in a similar manner as before, with a metal handstamp.

Two sheets of these were actually sold over the counter and used in the ordinary course of business, but the other two sheets were bought by a local speculator. Only six of these stamps were sold to each applicant at the Post Office, but in spite of this precaution all had been sold out in two days, namely, by the 14th of the month. The metal handstamp used for the overprinting was destroyed on the same day. The figures used were as before, all the same size and no fraction-bar shown, but the type used was a little smaller fount than the previous surcharges. The principal and only variety generally known is the double impression; but I have in my collection a stamp showing the double surcharge, one of which is inverted, used on entire.

This Provisional appears to be the only one that has attracted the forger, and I have seen some dangerous ones which evidently emanate from Paris.

SUMMARY.

1908. Surcharged in black.

2½d on 4d, brown and blue.

Varieties.

1. Double overprint.
2. Double overprint, one inverted.

The 1d on 4d Provisional.

In May, 1908, the Georgetown Post Office ran quite out of the low-value stamps, and pending the arrival of a fresh supply expected about June 1st, postage for small amounts on letters had to be paid for in cash over the counter, the letters, and post cards, being marked "Postage Paid" by the Postmistress, and a number were done in this manner. I have several examples written in red and black ink, and blue chalk, and some with the initials undet of the Postmaster, then being postmarked in the ordinary way as if the stamp existed, in its usual place.

It was during this shortage that an American, requiring a number of penny stamps for receipt purposes, on being informed there were not any available, lodged a complaint, with the result that the Commissioner ordered a small quantity of 4d stamps to be overprinted 1d, and used for fiscal purposes only.

Two printings were made on May 12th and 14th of 396 stamps (three complete sheets and 36 odd copies) by the Postmistress at Georgetown, this being the only office where these stamps were sold. One complete sheet was sold to the American applicant, and the remaining 276 were nearly all sold in single copies. I have a specimen which some one has endeavoured to pass through the post, but the Postmaster, Mr. W. G. McCausland, detected it, and has written across it the words "Fiscal only" in red ink. Another copy is illustrated which has successfully passed through the post, and is undoubtedly very rare, as most stringent instructions were made to prevent this stamp being used for anything but fiscal purposes. The following is a copy of an original notice written by the Postmaster and attached to the letter mentioned above, and is now in my collection:—

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(Continued on page 275.)

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To these new readers of the WEEKLY we give a cordial greeting. If we seem a bit technical bear in mind that we stand ready to translate o. g. and similar abbreviations into understandable English. We want to make you a satisfied subscriber.

MANAGING EDITOR.

EDITORIAL.

Springfield's Show—As expected, the news columns of the WEEKLY afford particulars of the deliberations of the convention of the American Philatelic Society held at Springfield as by the time that this paragraph is in type, the convention will have been an accomplished fact. We shall not yield to the temptation to make any predictions as to election results or the character of the legislation but we devoutly hope that an unselfish interest in the society will be the actuating motive of the delegates. It will be a cause for regret if a larger vote is not polled by the members for officers and official journal this year than last and a greater representation by proxy is not made.

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No Disguising It—This year, as last, the WEEKLY was not a candidate for official journal and any remarks on the subject need not be biased. It is the opinion of many that a majority of members of the American Philatelic Society do not subscribe for the official journal and the consequence is that the ties of those members to the society have become loosened. This condition is not cited as any reflection against the present official journal but the cold truth remains that a large proportion of the membership does not see the reports of the workings of the organization as they are made in the society's mouth-piece. Under the circumstances, it must follow that the members referred to must insensibly drift beyond the zone of the society's influence and have no intimate regard for their organization. The inertia due to this cause has permeated in some measure the whole body of members. The problem presented by the question of official journal has reached an acute stage and remedial measures must be adopted if the indifference of many members is to be overcome. We understand that the subject will be threshed out at the convention.

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We Salute—In accordance with its wish not to be a candidate for official journal this year, the WEEKLY has refrained from enlarging upon the vote of the Chicago Branch One, some time ago, choosing this paper as its preference for official journal. However, the certainty that a few votes will be cast for the WEEKLY makes it incumbent upon us to express our appreciation for these complimentary votes and this we do gladly.

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Hope On—In a budget of news from Australia, Mr. R. J. Hogg of Adelaide, writes: "Twelve months ago, we were promised a Commonwealth stamp and had visions of a universal issue for the six states, without variations of paper, perforations or shades but the enclosed clipping from the *Advertiser* looks as though the stamp printery is intent upon making the most of the remaining time. The newspaper item, dated at Melbourne, says that the new Commonwealth postage stamp, which the admiring Postmaster-General has declared "will be loved by all Australians" has become overcome by a strange lassitude and although the design was accepted four months ago and is in the possession of the stamp printer, "he is far from printing it." The reason for this delay is alleged to be due to the preparation of a new die, "on which the kangaroo grass beside the kangaroo will have disappeared and the animal will be sitting within a bare outline map of Australia." It is observed that the new die will be approved by the authorities who finally will have the stamp produced but it is predicted that the public will not be given a sight of them until early next year. This is disappointing news as in the interim, it is feared that there will be a wholesale visitation of make-shift varieties.

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The First—Our correspondent illustrates the effect of the delay in circulating the Commonwealth stamp by sending a copy of the two-pence Victoria with the surcharge in red, "One Penny." The stock of two pence stamps in excess of the anticipated needs between now and the date of issue of the new stamp has been surcharged and the number of stamps thus overprinted is a large one, as because of the introduction of general penny postage, the volume of use of the stamp has largely diminished. There may be a riot of varieties from the other states.

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Made in Japan—All the way from the Tokyo *Puck* comes a definition of a hobby, which, paradoxically is "that nothing that admits of a definition constitutes a hobby." Hear, hear! Thus encouraged, *Puck* continues and says that it is "wholly independent of the sense of love, gain, lust or any other promptings." Great little idea, if we could grasp it.

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Birds—From Mr. Leonard Michael, New York City, we have received some particulars of the use of the "erste Deutsche Luftpost am Rhein" stamp which pays for the air carriage of postal cards, when the regulation postage is represented by the usual stamp. The special stamp on this "flug" or flying "post-karte" is of ten pfennig denomination and is of a light chocolate or brick-red color and evidently lithographed. Around the central design of a carrier-pigeon is the quotation given above, which may be translated: First German Air-Post of the Rhein. We understand that the mail service is by Zeppelin machine; and the following information has been given us: "Trips are not made regularly as yet, but when made, mail is carried for the length of the trip, to be completed by the regular mail service. For one week regular trips were made between Bad Nauheim and Frankfurt, without landing, however, at Bad Nauheim, where mail was dropped at a certain point. For a regular landing-place, it takes quite an arrangement—a large movable cradle and a shed. Also an anchor is used, the same as by a ship and the balloon swings around the anchor with the wind. The trip was made twice a day and consumed two and one-half hours and the charge was fifty dollars for the round trip. Passengers up to the number of twenty were carried and a cabin was attached to the balloon with an interior much like that of a Pullman car on a reduced scale. Of course they have restaurant service with cold meals and drinks."

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Impressive—We are indebted to an English contemporary for the following very pleasant and authentic little recital. "The King has sent a package of foreign postage stamps to a young sailor named Daniel Chandler, who is bedridden at Gosport, Hampshire, through a fall while serving in the Navy. His hobby is stamp collecting. The gift was accompanied by the following letter:—'The King was grieved to hear of the sad plight of the sailor lad, and commands me to send you a packet of stamps to give him, with an expression of hope that they may be an interesting and useful addition to his collection." Collectors must unconsciously feel a gratitude which it is best not to attempt to reduce to words upon contemplating the considerate act of the king. The philatelist may imagine the transports of joy and swelling pride of the recipient upon receiving a packet of stamps from the most exalted of sources. George the fifth indeed is a royal philatelist.

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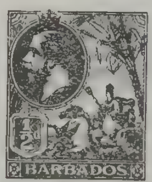

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Mr. Kidder described last week the New Barbados and we present here a cut of the same by courtesy of R. Louis Payne. The wonder is that so much can be crowded into so small a space and with so pleasing an effect. Two values have appeared, ¼p brown, ½p green.

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U. S. PLATES AND DIES.

Clipping from E. S. Garard.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 16.—The 70,000 plates, dies and rolls from which the money, stamps and securities of the United States and the national banknotes are printed, have been counted by a treasury department committee and reported intact to Secretary MacVeagh, with the exception of one die, which has been missing for eight years. *The die, which disappeared in 1904, was for a revenue stamp for fermented wines.* It is obsolete and could not be fraudulently used, if found. When the vault of the bureau of engraving and printing was relined several years ago, it is believed the missing die fell between the old and new lining. *The examining committee this year took over 5,000 obsolete plates and dies to the Washington navy yard and destroyed them.*

The above clipping is from the Chicago *Daily News.* We sent it to John W. Prevost asking him whether or not he recognized the die referred to. We quote from Mr. Prevost's reply:—

"I am unable to place the stamp by the description and think that the clipping is in error as to the kind of stamp for which die is missing. So far as I know, there never was a *fermented wine* stamp.

While wine does ferment, fermented liquors are always beers and ales, etc., not wines. I have seen nearly every thing in the fermented liquor line.

On page 37 of the U. S. R. S. Hand Book just distributed, is a list of all wine stamps known, and you will see that there is no *fermented* wine stamp.

This information is taken from Reports of Bureau of Engraving and Commissioner of Int. Rev. for all items which we have not seen and should be, and undoubtedly is, correct.

A die is no doubt missing, but they have not got it correct in the clipping."

M. P. A. OFFICERS, 1912-1913.

The following were elected at the Harrisburg convention:—Pres., Percy Mann., Phila., Pa.; Vice Pres., L. P. Miller, Harrisburg, Pa., Sec'y, Wm. C. Webb, Boonton, N. C.; Int'l Sec'y, Rasmus Barthson, St. Paul, Minn.; Treasurer, Victor V. Boyer, Reading, Pa.; Director, A. W. Dunning, Newton, Mass.; Director, J. M. Holt, Astoria, Ore. Official Organ, *Mack Monthly Philatelist,* Scranton, Pa. Twenty-five were present. Consolidation was vetoed.

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ANNUAL CONVENTION OF A. P. S.

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Springfield, Mass., Aug. 20.—While the day was not a very auspicious one from the standpoint of the weather, yet over one hundred collectors assembled at the Hotel Kimball this morning to transact the business of the annual convention of the A. P. S.

On the evening previous at the home of W. C. Stone, a social meeting resulted in an outpouring of philatelists that severely taxed the capacity of the Stone homestead, and a very enjoyable evening was passed.

The report of the committee on credentials was presented by H. E. Deats. The old board was practically reelected:—Wm. E. Ault taking the place of W. H. Barnum, who declined a reelection to the secretaryship. C. A. Nast was defeated for the directorate by Henry J. Crocker. Nast's vote was 286 and Crocker's 338. The highest vote received by any director was 439.

The vote for official journal resulted:—*Phila. Stamp News,* 261; *Everybody's Philatelist,* 123; Mekeel's Weekly, 37; scattering, 16. It is needless to add that the votes for Mekeel's Weekly were cast over our declination to stand as a candidate for the honor. The total vote cast was 437 out of a possible vote of nearly 1,400.

The proxies were reported upon as follows:—Wolsieffer, 50; Wylie, 41; Batchelder, 47; Myers, 46; Good, 14; Deats, 45; Mudge, 48; scattering, 73; total, 380. No doubt others will be reported at subsequent sessions.

In the meantime we have had time to look around and see who is present. Boston is represented by Messrs. Batchelder, Stone, Carpenter, Aldrich, Dunning, Legg, Burt and Wylie. From Chicago, Messrs. Wolsieffer, Dodd, Mudge and Schliechert; from Detroit, Gen. Coolidge, Dr. Babcock, Messrs. Heyerman and Fernald; from N. Y. City, Messrs. Luff, Rich, Mozian, Homburger, Randall and Davison, and from other points, Messrs. Cornwall and Myers of Missouri; Bescher, of Kansas; Parrish, Mann, Kissinger and Mack, of Pa.; Bruce and Chapman, of Connecticut; the Pollards, from Proctorsville, Vt.; Good and Barnum, from Ohio; Hassler, of Ky., and local celebrities too numerous to mention. We cannot name the more than one hundred present for lack of time and space.

Pres. Cornwall in a lengthy and able report covered the various phases of society work and needed legislation. We are unable to insert it here but our resumé of the work of the convention will show the disposition made of the matters brought to the attention of the convention.

The report of the secretary showed a present membership of nearly 1,400, a considerable loss over the figures reported a year ago. Secretary Barnum personally very popular in the society, was greeted with a hearty round of applause as he arose to present his address.

The morning session was given over entirely to the reports of officers and committees, an adjournment being effected at noon. In the afternoon a trip was taken to Mt. Tom and in the evening a banquet was spread at the Hotel Kimball.

Springfield, Aug. 21.—The supplementary report of the committee on credentials showed nearly 100 additional proxies as follows:—Fernald, 30; Mann, 30; Dodd, 14; Wylie, 8; scattering, 17.

Mr. Mudge of the committee appointed to arrange for the 25th anniversary celebration gave detailed reports of the work accomplished and particularly of the Stamp Exhibition and its unqualified success. The total expenses of the exhibition were $1,415.01, which amount was raised by a general subscription, a $27.76 deficit being generously subscribed by Geo. H. Worthington. The committee was given a hearty vote of thanks.

The proposition to create a special advanced class to be known as "fellows of the A. P. S." or some similar designation, was referred to a special committee to report next year.

Rickett's index, supplementing Lord Crawford's index, devoted to philatelic publications in the English language, was ordered printed in hand book form.

Mr. Myers suggested some code by which members collecting proclivities could be designated in the year book. Referred to resolutions committee and will no doubt be adopted on the morrow.

The rest of the forenoon was taken up with a discussion of the proposition to suspend the quarterly *American Philatelist* in favor of a frequently issued society bulletin. The By-Laws Committee will report upon the matter tomorrow and it seems that some vital change will be made in order to place the society doings before the membership. In the debate Pres. Cornwall stated that only 300 members were subscribers to the official journal.

This afternoon the society is tendered an outing with Minnechoag Lake as the objective point. The local committee is giving the convention a great time.

The remainder of the report must go over to our next issue.

A BUREAU OF INFORMATION.

Clipping from R. L. Stulz.

Frank H. Hitchcock, the Postmaster-general, tells this story concerning one of the rural cogs in the post office machine.

"That the rural post office is still a bureau of general information, in the South no less than in the North, was recently evidenced by a conversation precipitated by an old colored man, who approached the postmaster of an Alabama village and queried:

"'Any letter for me?' 'No.'

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A Chat With the Advertiser

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Elsewhere in this issue we show the wherefore of the whichness in the fact that on last Monday we received no less than twenty-six new subscribers. There is no recruiting medium in the world that can equal MEKEEL'S WEEKLY and the live dealer must realize that fact.

This week that long established and reliable dealer, F. R. Ginn of London, offers to buy stamps, and Chas. H. Stone offers a collection that he is breaking up into approval offerings.

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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

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S. P. A. ELECTION.

About twenty attended the convention of the Southern Philatelic Association at Harrisburg, Pa. Consolidation was voted down. The following officers were elected:—August Mack, Scranton, Pa., Pres.; R. L. Doak, W. Lafayette, O., Vice Pres.; C. V. Webb, Perry, O., Sec.-Treas.; Chas. Roemer, San Antonio, Texas, Sales Supt.; J. Selden Swisher, Scranton, Pa., Exchange Mgr.; Nat'l Sec., E. P. Biron; Counterfeit Det., R. Stollenwerk, Kansas; Information Bureau, L. G. Dorpat, Wayside, Wis.; Attorney, H. A. Fowler, Chicago; Librarian, Dr. R. L. Allen, Waynesville, N. C.; Purchasing Agt., H. M. Wichman, Springfield, Mass.; W. H. McNiel and W. S. Aldrich, Trustees, St. Joseph, Mo. Official Organ, *Philatelic West.*

FROM AUSTRALIA.

By R. J. Hogg.

Dealers and collectors of Australians are at present revelling in the issues of those small adjoining islands which find it hard to muster a few hundred white inhabitants, such as Papua, British Solomon Islands, New Hebrides, Gilbert and Ellice Islands, besides those dependent on New Zealand. Now we are promised and in the case of Victoria, we have the higher values surcharged to one penny. Truly the speculator is to have some rare opportunities and collectors of Australians big volumes at the present rate of increase.

At the present time, the stamps of the Commonwealth are printed in two centres; those of N. S. W. and Queensland, in Sydney, while Victoria, Tasmania, South Australia, West Australia and Papua are printed in Melbourne. In the latter case the result is that these stamps comprising almost every shape and size, sometimes get perforated by the wrong machine or printed on the wrong paper and varieties appear which gladden the heart of the specialist and generally return big profits to some lucky finder. A splendid opportunity exists for replacing this state of chaos, by a regular uniform issue, and whether the design is artistic or not is a small matter compared with the importance of a uniform, continuous issue which should be brought out without delay, especially as the old designs still sold in each state, are available for postage in any part of the Commonwealth.

As a result of the Philatelic Conference held in Sydney in August, 1911, the societies in Sydney, Melbourne and Adelaide are at work preparing a standard unpriced catalogue of their respective states; who will do the other states is not announced.

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CHRONICLE OF NEW ISSUES AND VARIETIES

Edited by HENRY A. KIDDER.

Any information regarding new issues will be gratefully received and acknowledged. Address HENRY A. KIDDER, 17 Addison St., Arlington, Mass. Letters calling for a reply should contain a self-addressed, stamped envelope. We cannot give applicants the addresses of our correspondents. Correspondence regarding precancelled stamps must be sent to FRANK B. ELDREDGE, Attleboro, Mass., when due credit will be given in this department.

UNITED STATES—Ben Delovage sends us a letter postmarked "Aviation Station," Portland Oregon, Aug. 10, 1912. Beside the postmark is a notice in rubber stamp print, reading: "U. S. Aeroplane Mail Service. This letter was carried by Aviator Walter Edwards from Portland, Oregon, to Vancouver, Wash."

ANGOLA.—James B. B. Smith reports having seen three new provisionals from Angola, the 15r green, Scott's No. 79, having been surcharged "Republica," and new values in the upper left corners. The old value is covered with a square block of black. Mr. Smith is informed that these are local surcharges.

Provisional Adhesives.

2½r on 15r gray green.
5r on 15r gray green.
10r on 15r gray green.

ARGENTINE.—Another value of the new set has appeared, unused specimens having been shown us by Whitfield King & Co. and the New England Stamp Co.

Adhesive.

3c green.

BAHAMAS.—The New England Stamp Co. has shown us the new Bahama stamps, thus far issued, supplementing the 6d noted last week. As noted the colors are according to the old scheme, this being the first departure from the new color scheme made in printing the King George stamps.

Adhesives.

½d green.
2½d ultramarine.
4d orange.
1sh black and carmine.
5sh violet and ultramarine.
1 gray green and black.

BARBADOS.—We are indebted to R. Louis Payne for a cover with specimens of the new ¼d and ½d stamps from the Island. These are all that have yet been placed on sale. The denominations of the new set are given by the Postmaster General as ¼d, ½d, 1d, 2d, 2½d, 3d, 4d, 6d, 1sh, 2sh and 3sh. The old 2d slate are all sold out at the post-office at Bridgetown, but of the other denominations a supply is still on hand. A. C. Roessler is informed that the rest of the set was to be placed on sale Aug. 26. We are also indebted to Gerald D. Bliss for specimens of the new stamps.

BAVARIA.—Eugene Klein sends us an official card from the German Stamp Congress, held this year at Marktredwitz, Bavaria. The card has a current 10pf Bavarian stamp on the face, with the inscription, "XXIV. Deutscher Philatelisten und 16. Bundestag Marktredwitz 1912—Offizielle Postkarte." On the reverse are the arms of Germany and Austria, and one unidentified, possibly that of the town or province, a view of the town and an old fashioned stage coach. A special postmark has been provided for the Congress, showing "XXIV Deutscher Philatelistentag —Marktredwitz" with the date in the centre.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.—The King George set is beginning to appear, two values having been shown us by the New England Stamp Co. and Whitfield King & Co. The design is practically the same as the previous issue, except that the oval containing the portrait is smaller, giving room for a crown at the top. The portrait is carefully engraved and is one of the most satisfactory which has yet appeared, far superior in fact to that on the stamps of the mother country. It will be noted that the 6d is printed in the old colors.

Adhesives.

2½d dark ultramarine.
6d orange.

GIBRALTAR.—Several values of the new King George set have been issued the New England Stamp Co. having shown us the six lower values. Whitfield King & Co. report having received the complete set, colors and values being the same as the King Edward set.

Adhesives.

½d green.
1d scarlet.
2d gray.
2½d ultramarine.
6d lilac and mauve.
1sh black on green.

JAMAICA.—Hermann Focke has shown us the new 2d value, with portrait of King George and from the New England Stamp Co. we have received the 1sh value of the same set. Both are printed in the new colors, the design being the same as the 3d value previously reported.

Adhesives.

2d gray.
1sh black on green.

NEW ZEALAND.—The *Australian Philatelist* says that a few sheets of the 6d King Edward stamp were printed in the color of the 5d brown.

PORTUGAL.—Mr. Schachne shows us the first of the permanent issue of letter card with the new stamp. Precisely like the Manuel letter card of 25r except the stamp and perf.

Letter Card.

2½c dull violet on yellow buff. D D.

SURINAM.—Hermann Focke sends us specimens of the provisionals chronicled some time since, and also of the ½c value which we have not previously been able to chronicle from actual sight. The ½c value comes in two distinct shades, mauve and violet. The three lower values are printed in sheets of 50 stamps, five rows of 10 stamps, but the 12½c value comes in sheets of 100, 10 rows of 10 stamps. There are very few minor varieties, as the type of the numbers and letters employed are pretty uniform all through. There is a slight variety in the fraction on the 12½c value, the "1" being sometimes to the right, sometimes to the left, but never exactly over the centre of the fraction bar above the "2". Another slight variety is the raised "S" in "Surinam," which occurs on all values. This occurs on the lower half of each sheet. Mr. Focke's correpsondent states that some values are already sold out, and as a new supply of regular stamps had been received at Paramaribo from Holland, the use of these provisionals was to be discontinued, after disposing of the small remainders on hand.

Provisional Adhesives.

½c mauve.
½c violet.

SWITZERLAND.—R. Hartmann describes a new card just received from Switzerland, apparently issued in honor of the national holiday, Aug. 1, for the benefit of the Red Cross. The inscriptions on the face are printed in three languages, German, French and Italian, the principal lines, freely translated, reading, "Card for the National Fete," and "For the Benefit of the Red Cross." On the reverse is shown a man waving the Swiss standard, printed in colors. The stamp is the current 5c, though the card had to have extra postage. Opposite the stamp is a large Greek cross with "1912" in the centre. The date is also printed in the three languages.

VICTORIA.—Possibly what is the first of a series of surcharged stamps to use up the remainders of the stamps of the various states before the issue of the Commonwealth set has come to hand from Australia, unused specimens having been shown us by A. C. Roessler, Whitfield King & Co. and the New England Stamp Co., while we are indebted to F. W. Reid for a cover with two used specimens. The current Victoria 2d stamp, watermarked Crown A has been surcharged "One Penny" in small Gothic capitals, slightly condensed. Mr. Reid's cover is mailed from Sydney, N. S. W., and yet it bears two copies of this surcharged Victoria stamp, and a ½d stamp of Western Australia.

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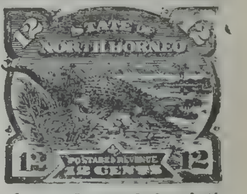

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STAMPS OF CAYMAN ISLANDS.

(Continued from page 271).

SUMMARY.

Provisional. Issued for Fiscal purposes. Overprinted in black.

1d on 4d red and black on yellow.

Varieties.

1. Inverted surcharge.
2. Double surcharge.

The "Postage and Revenue" Series.

The ½d and 1d values were received considerably in advance of the others printed from the new plates inscribed "Postage and Revenue," and arrived at Georgetown on December 29th, 1907. The 2½d, 3d, 4d, 1s, 5s, and 10s were not received till three months later, and were issued to the public on March 30, 1908. The 6d value was added still later, viz. October 2nd, 1908, which completed the series.

This issue was very similar to the previous design, with the exception that the King's Head was enclosed in an octagonal frame instead of a circular one as before, the plate or control number "1" appearing on the sheet margin as before. New duty plates were used for the ½d, 1d, 3d, and 10s values; the ISLANDS variety not showing in the ½d and 1d values (all the letters being evenly spaced) proves conclusively that new duty plates were manufactured for these. The Cayman Islands were again to the fore, being one of the first of the British possessions to adopt the new colour scheme.

Six thousand of the 1s and three thousand of the 10s values were printed on a stock of the old green paper watermarked single CA. The 1s value printed on the multiple paper made its appearance about April 5th, 1909, making a considerable rise in the value of the single-watermarked 1s, black and green stamps, especially in used condition. Another scarce stamp in this series is the 4d black and red on yellow; only one printing was made of these, viz. twenty sheets, 2400 stamps. Owing to the lack of demand for this value they were withdrawn from circulation. All the stamps above the face value of 2½d are printed in doubly fugitive inks on chalk-surfaced paper. The 2½d also still shows these varieties, broken "M" variety, mentioned in the "Postage—Postage" issue, and a break in the top right-hand corner of the frame is also most noticeable in many of the stamps, which is ample evidence of the wearing of the plate.

SUMMARY.

1908. King's Head. Inscribed "Postage and Revenue." Wmk. Crown CA. Perf. 14. Name and value in second colour. Chalk-surfaced paper.

1s black and black on green.
10s green and red on green.

Design as above, but watermarked "Crown CA Mult." Chalk-surfaced paper; for values above 2½d. Name and value in second colour.

½d green (shades).
1d carmine (shades).
2½d ultramarine (shades).
3d purple on yellow (and deep yellow).
4d black and red on yellow.
6d purple on white (shades).
1s black on green.
5s green and red on yellow.

The Farthing Stamp.

The reduction of inland mail rates caused the necessity of this the latest issue, about the middle of 1908; a notice appeared in the *Colonial Office Journal* as follows:—

"Cayman Islands are about to issue ¼d stamps for internal postage in Grand Cayman."

There were three printings. The first supply is said to have been 600 sheets, and placed on sale June 30th, 1908, though the enormous number of orders—one dealer alone ordering 72,000 copies—made it necessary to refuse supplies to every one. For this purpose the following notice was issued and sent to applicants:—

"GEORGE TOWN POST OFFICE,
"GRAND CAYMAN, B.W.I.

"No. 27.

"Notice is hereby given that farthing stamps and farthing post cards being provided solely for internal postage in the Cayman Islands Dependency, will only be sold across the counter at a Post Office in the Cayman Islands.

"By Order,
"(Signed) G. A. PARSONS."
(Postmistress.)

This notice brought considerable ridicule on the Cayman authorities, as owing to a shortage of halfpenny stamps they were compelled to allow the farthing stamps to pay postage on the foreign mail, till at last even the whole of that stock was exhausted, and I have three letters on each of which there are twelve stamps of this value used. The first printings consisted of a red-brown ink, and all three printings were perforated 14. There are four varieties, the most important being No. 19 (1st in 4th row, left pane). A white flaw shows distinctly on the right of the Crown, obliterating some of the leaves. The second and fourth flaws are not so prominent, and consist of a white dot under the "N" of "CAYMAN." The third occurs on stamp No. 76 (4th in 3rd row, right pane), and consists of a hair line running from the top to the bottom of "A" in "POSTAGE." The stamps were evidently transferred in blocks of four. Types 1, 3, and 4 have the feet of the letters "MA" of "CAYMAN" touching, but in Type 2 they are distinctly separated.

The second issue of the farthing stamps was placed on sale November 3rd, 1908, and the printing differed from the first, this one being a medium brown colour; this was followed by a third printing early in 1909, this latter colouring being a deep black-brown.

SUMMARY

1908. Figure in Oval. Lithographed by Thos. De La Rue and Co. Watermarked Crown Multiple CA. Perf. 14.

¼d. 1st printing red-brown.
2nd printing, medium brown.
3rd printing, deep black-brown.

Varieties.

1. Feet of letters "MA" in "CAYMAN" separated.
2. Flaw in right-hand top corner.
3. White dot under "N" of "CAYMAN."
4. Hair line through the letter "A."
5. Imperforate down right side of stamp.

In these notes I have endeavoured to prove conclusively that there was a real need for all the "Provisional issues" that caused such a storm of protest, which emanated principally from those who were not successful in obtaining copies, and hope I have somewhat succeeded. One thing is however certain, many a year will elapse before another provisional issue is announced from Grand Cayman.—*London Philatelist.*

NEWS GLEANINGS.

Under this heading we desire to publish all the news from the various philatelic centers. Correspondents' names will be given unless prohibited as we desire to give full credit for services rendered.

—C. H. Nammack sends us greetings from Forestburg, N. Y., where he is spending a six weeks' vacation.

—W. A. Kain sends us a clipping from the St. John *Telegraph,* St. John, N. B., dealing with the Canadian stamp rolls to which reference has already been made in the WEEKLY.

—To Geo. M. Schaefer we are indebted for a parcels post clipping.

—"All the Postal Savings Banks redeposit in some National bank, so the banks get a good many of the 2c and 2c envelope stamps on their Official correspondence but I have never seen them get any of the higher values."—J. O. H. PENDLETON.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from Hugo Kuenstler (6), R. L. Stulz (8), Maitland Milliken (14), Ben Delovage (5).

—J. H. Frazier favors us with a post card with the Portland, Ore., aviation station postmark. We have described this elsewhere in this issue.

—"I have in my possession a postal card, which had been on a ten months' voyage. It passed through six different countries, namely: U. S., Russia, France, New Zealand, Belgium, Hungary and back to the U. S. One side consists of addresses, while the other, directions in Esperanto as to how same was to be sent, together with the different addresses."—ALBERT O. TSCHUDIN.

—"I notice in a recent issue of your paper where the 4c, 1895 U. S. has been found wmk. R and I would say that I certainly have a 5 cent same issue wmk. R only the tail is visible but it is not an S as the curl comes to a taper rounding point."—B. W. LAIRD.

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Cape Wood Blocks, by M. P. Castle
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Hamburg
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Hawaii, 1899 5c and 13c and Mss. 5c on 13c
Jamaica, Among the Llandoveries
Mauritius, 1848-59 Locally Eng. and Litho.
Mauritius. 20th Century
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THE BEGINNERS' GUIDE.

REPRINTS.

In looking through his catalogue in the task of correctly placing his stamps the beginner will frequently come across notes to the effect that such and such a stamp has been reprinted or that the reprints of certain stamps may be distinguished by certain peculiarities. Reprints are impressions of obsolete stamps, printed from the same plate, block, or stone as was used in the production of the originals. Such is a strictly accurate definition of the term "reprints" but for want of a better name stamps printed from new plates made from the original dies of obsolete stamps are also termed reprints.

Reprints fall into two divisions—those made to the order of the postal or other government authorities, and those made by private individuals to whom the original plates have been sold or loaned. The former are known as "Government reprints," or "Official reprints" while the latter are called "private reprints."

As a rule reprints of official origin have some mark or other by means of which they may easily be distinguished. This generally takes the form of an overprint of the word "Reprint." In other cases they can be distinguished from originals owing to the fact that paper, color, perforation (or all three) are rarely exactly like the genuinely issued stamps. In some cases, though, the distinguishing features are of so elusive a character that only an expert who has specialised and studied those particular issues can pronounce accurately whether certain specimens are originals or reprints. The beginner will be well advised to study the footnotes in the catalogue carefully and where reprints are described as differing from originals by such indeterminate (to him) characteristics as "brighter colors," "whiter paper," "ungummed" he should purchase such varieties only from a reliable firm or after they have been "experted" by some collector in a position to give a satisfactory opinion regarding them. It may be taken for granted that official reprints were not made with the intention of deceiving collectors; but in cases where they are very like the originals and bear no mark plainly indicating their character copies are occasionally sold by unscrupulous or ignorant individuals as the genuine variety.

Private reprints have been made primarily for the benefit of the individuals owning the plates and though, in most instances, these are sold as reprints there is always the danger that at some time or other some will be offered as genuine. In fact private reprints are for many reasons much more dangerous than those issued under proper official authority. Neither, from a strictly philatelic point of view, have they the same interest to specialists as government reprints.

A class of stamps frequently referred to as reprints are correctly speaking nothing of the sort but simply imitations. These have been brought about by the fact that on one or two occasions when a Government has wanted to reprint some of its early stamps the original plate or dies could not be found, having been lost or destroyed. Fresh dies and plates have then been made and though these were skillfully copied from the original designs there are generally small points of difference that have been detected by sharp-eyed philatelists. The so-called reprints of the 1847 stamps of the United States are a case in point. Though these are clever copies of the originals as they were printed from new dies and plates they are not reprints at all but "Government imitations." Imitations made by private individuals are, of course, known by the harsher term of "counterfeit" or "forgery."

Reprints have their interest to the advanced collector but I think the beginner will act wisely in refusing them even as "space-fillers." Once a reprint gets mounted in one's collection it has a habit of staying there and consequently when the collection is sold it may, though innocently, be disposed of as genuine to the detriment of the purchaser. The only exception I would make is in the case of really rare stamps and then if the labels are plainly marked "REPRINT" they serve to fill the space allotted to a variety which would be otherwise unobtainable.

SHORT REPLIES.

W. C. M. (Brooklyn).—The stamp you refer to as having perforations on three sides only and straight edge on the fourth is one from the outside row where the large "printers" sheets are divided into the "post-office" sheets of one hundred specimens. The line you refer to is the guide line drawn on the plate to show where the cut is to be made. (2) If benzine will not show up the watermark you can only find it by holding the specimen so that the light falls on it at different angles. On some U. S. A. stamps it is almost a hopeless task to try and identify the watermark.

E. B. C. (Oregon).—I think Scott's catalogue must be in error for I have only found this surcharge in blue. I note other catalogues only give it as existing in blue.

W. W. P. (Lewiston, Cal.).—I think all the "Seebecks" which are known to have been reprinted are mentioned in Scott's catalogue. (2) The particular Norwegian stamp without stop after "Postfrim" is not catalogued so far as I am aware. The variety is of minor interest and would be worth little more than the normal. (3) I am sorry I haven't time to look up catalogue values. (4) Single copies of alleged imperforate varieties of stamps are unconvincing unless they have much larger margins than the specimen you describe. (5) This is a very trifling variety and may have been caused by the presence of a speck of dirt on the printing plate. (6) See answer to No. 4.

HOW TO KEEP UP WITH NEW ISSUES.

It has been shewn over and over again that new issue collecting on a systematic basis is by far the best means of keeping up-to-date in one's collection. Nearly every new stamp is circulated to hundreds of subscribers to the various new issue services at a trifling percentage over face. If one neglects to keep up with these new emissions regularly, it becomes a costly matter to fill the void later on. At the present time the possibilities for systematic investment in new stamps as they come out, are greater than ever. Nearly every week we chronicle new stamps first appearing in connection with the Crown Agents' Colour Scheme, but which will probably remain in use for but a short period, as they are practically bound to be superseded by new Colonial Key Plates, bearing the portrait of King George V. Regarded strictly from the investment point of view the high values are the best, as these are printed in comparatively small quantities, and they are not imported extensively, as the collectors who have the pluck to take all new stamps above 2/6 face are in the minority. That makes it all the better, financially, for the courageous ones.—*Postage Stamp.*

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variety showing the absence of the little ball or pearl, at each corner. The stamp will be found with a dot about 1 em from this pearl, and in rarer cases two dots over the pearl at right top corner. One dot is directly diagonal from this pearl, the other almost directly under it. The single dot variety can be found with a dot at each corner, and with one, two or three missing. Quite a collection of these "fly-specks" can be gathered, if one chooses.

In 1867 a patent process was employed to prevent the cleaning of stamps. This was called a "grille" and it is too well known to require further explanation. Authorities differ as to when the grille was first used—some say May 8, others August 8, 1867. I am inclined to favor the later date.

The first grill was that covering the entire stamp. This is found with points up and points down—the latter being much the scarcest. It comes in dull rose, rose, and rose red.

The following different varieties in grilles are to be had by the specialist:

POINTS UP		POINTS DOWN	
Size.	Rows pts.	Size.	Rows pts.
18x15	22x18	13x16	17x20
13x16	17x20	12x15	17x19
13x15½	17x19	12x14½	15x18
13x14½	17x18	12x14	15x17
12½x16½	16x21	12½x13½	16x16
11½x16	16x20	11x14	14x18
12½x15½	16x19	11x13½	14x17
12½x14½	16x18	11x13	14x16
12x14½	15x18	11x12	14x15
		10x13½	13x17
		10x13	13x16
		9x14	12x18
		9x13½	12x17
		9x13	12x16
		9x12	12x15
		8½x13½	11x17
		8½x13	11x16
		8½x12	11x14
		8x11	10x12

If the above will not keep a collector busy for some days, with glass and gauge I will lose my reckoning. But every one of these can be found with an ample supply of stamps and a double supply of patience.

Still another variety of grill, mentioned in no catalog or handbook, is what is known as the pin-point perforations. This comes covering the entire stamp, but unlike the common grilled-all-over the points are very irregular. They measure 12 rows to 10 mms, and the points are impressed from the back.

The pin hole grills are also found measuring 11x14, with impression made from the face of stamp. These were used, as I have a single and a pair of this variety.

I am inclined to believe that few bogus grills of this variety exist. Certain it is that with the exception of the grille covering the entire stamp the increase in receipts coming from the deception would not be sufficiently great to warrant one for making the machinery for counterfeiting the grilled stamps. If a grille-all-over is offered showing a cancellation of town other than Savannah, Ga., or little Rock, Ark., it may be set down as being probably forged, as it is well founded fact that this stamp was only issued for use in these two cities.

One variety of grill, very rare, is the grille extending the entire length of stamp. This is called the side roller grill, and was caused by not feeding the sheet true to the grilling machine. A continuous grill existed on the end of the roll, and it grasped the marginal paper of the sheet in making the grill. When the sheet was not perfectly fed the stamp extended over onto this endless grill and caused the stamps to be embossed from end to end.

The Francis patent papers and elusive ink processes were grilled all over and 11x14. It is noticeable that they were not pressed out by hydraulic pressure, as was the case with the regular issue.

Both the grilled and ungrilled stamps were issued and used in unperforated form, but care must be taken that stamps with large margins are not palmed off on unsuspecting collectors. Some of these are even offered in reputable auction sales.

If there is any doubt as to the genuineness of grills offered, submit them to an expert for examination. Better still buy from someone known to be expert and honest in his lines.

For want of space I omit the check list. One can easily make up his own from the material given above.

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BAVARIA.—*Der Philatelist* notes that six values of the Jubilee have been punctured "E" for use as railway stamps, superseding those of the previous issue overprinted with the same letter.

Official Stamps.
Punctured "E."

3pf brown.
5pf green.
10pf red.
20pf blue.
25pf violet brown.
50pf claret.

BOSNIA.—The *London Times* says that the series of stamps now current in Bosnia and Herzegovina will shortly be superseded by a new issue, adorned with the effigy of the Emperor of Austria.

Maury's Collectionneur says that the views on the three stamps recently issued are as follows: 12h, a street in Jaice; 60h, view of Konjica, near Mostar in Herzegovina; 72h, view of Visegrad, near Saraievo.

CANADA.—Jas. Lewis Howe has shown us a copy of the 2c King Edward stamp in a very pale shade of carmine, but whether it is due to the printer's error or to exposure to light we are unable to say.

DENMARK.—In regard to the new printing (in ultramarine) of the 20 ore King Frederick stamp, chronicled in No. 1106, Whitfield King & Co., write:

"Just previous to the issue of the new 20 ore stamps with numerals in centre, there was a final printing of the old 20 ore with portrait of King Frederick VIII in light blue (ultramarine). Comparison of the old and new colours shows that they are very different. Our correspondent says that he only found two postoffices where the light blue stamps could be got, and as they will be almost immediately superseded they are likely to be scarce."

Ewen's Weekly says that the 10 ore value is also to be issued in the numeral type as soon as the old stock is used up. The *London Times* states that "that pending the preparation of an entire new series of Danish postage stamps bearing a portrait of King Christian X, the current 5, 10 and 20 ore denominations, with the likeness of the late King Frederick, have been replaced by the same values in the numeral type, adopted in 1905-06 for the lower postal denominations."

FINLAND.—Mr. Schachne sends us two new cards which supersede the 1901 pair. They are without doubt from the same dies as the Russian 3k of 1909, except the value of the stamp.

Post Cards.

10p red on white.
10x10p red on white; T. 3.

GERMANY.—Jas. Lewis Howe supplements the note printed in No. 1096, regarding a change of color of the current 10pf stamp, by reporting the 20pf in a decidedly deeper tone than previously seen, and the 5pf in less of a grayish green.

GIBRALTAR.—*Morocco Agencies.*—Another value of the current British stamps has been surcharged "Morocco Agencies" and new value in centimos, according to the *Berliner Briefmarken Zeitung.*

Adhesive.
On stamps of Great Britain.
"5 Centimos" on ½d green; surcharge black.

INDIA.—*Jaipur.*—The publishers of *Ewen's Weekly Stamp News* have found in their stock a number of sheets of Quarter and Half Anna of Jaipur, Chariot type, which are from a different setting, which appears to include only four of the previous types. These they are calling Plate III. Those chronicled previously are from Plate II. The margins from sheets of Plate III are larger.

Plate III.

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½a large J in Jaipur.
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Perforated.

1 anna of a Koree green.
4 anna of a Koree rose.

Imperforate.

1 anna of a Koree green.
4 anna of a Koree rose.

There are 20 stamps in a sheet of the 1 anna and five stamps in a sheet of the 4 anna.

JAPAN.—*Offices in China.*—The two new cards of Japan, 1½s single and double, have been surcharged with the customary two characters in black for use at the Japanese offices in China, according to *Maury's Collectionneur.*

PORTUGAL.—Six new values in the new set have been shown us by Whitfield King & Co. The colors are bright and the appearance striking. The two higher values are on colored paper. We have previously chronicled the ¼c, ½c, 1c, 2½c, 5c and 7½c of this series.

Adhesives.

1½c chocolate.
2c bright red.
8c slate.
10c orange brown.
20c violet brown on green.
30c brown on rose.

ST. LUCIA.—The New England Stamp Co. has shown us six stamps of the new series, the 1d value having also been shown us by Whitfield King & Co.

Adhesives.

½d green.
1d scarlet.
2½d ultramarine.
3d violet on yellow.
6d black on mauve.
1sh black on green.

SALVADOR.—The *Berliner Briefmarken Zeitung* reports a new series of stamps, the design showing the arms of the Republic in a circle, but we shall be obliged to omit the formal chronicle until the stamps are seen.

SWITZERLAND.—Mr. Schachne has sent us the regular yearly festival card for Aug. 1, which is very similar to last year's in general appearance. This card was described in No. 1130.

Post Card.

5 (c) blue-green on white. Divided face.

ITEMS OF A. P. S. LEGISLATION.

It was voted:—

To Appropriate $100.00 towards the expenses of the New York Stamp Exhibition of 1913.

The motion was heartily approved of.

To petition the P. O. department to issue a stamp in connection with the Perry Memorial Centennial Celebration to be held at Cleveland next summer.

To hold the next session at Cleveland, O., or rather Put-in-Bay, known as Cleveland's famous watering place. Hotel Victory will no doubt be the headquarters.

To increase the appropriation of the secretary's office $100 because of extra work in connection with the monthly bulletin.

To sidetrack the two "progressive" amendments as being altogether too ultra.

To thank the Springfield Club and its friends for their superb hospitality.

THE J. P. S. COLLECTIONS.

Mr. H. P. Ereaut, Hon. Curator of the Forgery and the Permanent Collections of stamps formed by the Junior Philatelic Society, has presented a very satisfactory report of the progress of the collections. He also reports on the work of the Society's Expert Committee. He says:

Owing to the number of stamps submitted for judgment the Committee found it necessary to meet more frequently than hitherto, and whereas in the previous season only five Meetings were held, this last year's work has necessitated nine Meetings, as well as independent examinations and reports.

The number of stamps examined and reported upon was 739, an increase of nearly 500 on previous figures, which may be regarded as pleasing evidence of the desire of members to clear their albums of all intruders.

My Committee wish to emphasise that all sorts and conditions of "doubtfuls" are welcome for examination, not merely stamps which are clouded with suspicion as to genuineness, but also specimens which, though no doubt genuine, appear to be unusual varieties requiring explanation. A considerable number of the stamps submitted shows the diversity of stamp puzzles that collectors are often confronted with.

The stamps added to the Society's general collection during the past year number some 400, and though this figure is not so large as we had hoped for, it is considerably in excess of that for the previous season and, if only as evidence of progress, is consequently very satisfactory.

Many generous and valuable donations have been received during the season, and the support extended to us in particular from members abroad is further proof of the many staunch friends the Society has outside the Mother country as well as at home.

Many members are now busy preparing specialized collections for the forthcoming Exhibition, and we should like to express the hope that they will remember us, and when sorting out for mounting will put on one side some of their surplus duplicates for the Permanent collection. Already we have had promises in this direction from two or three members, and the completion of our collection of Sweden by the well known specialist of that country, the Baron Erik Leijonhufvud, whose kind and important gift has already been reported, prompted the suggestion I have made—a suggestion which I hope we may see responded to by specialists of other countries. Most specialists have to gather together a considerable number of the stamps of their favourite country from which to pick, and we trust that in the sorting out our collection may benefit from the overflow.

Mr. Ereaut, who is the custodian of the collection, and Honorary Secretary to the Expert Committee, may be communicated with at 37 Norland Square, Holland Park, W.

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ASKED AND ANSWERED.

By FRANK E. GOODWIN.

A great number and variety of queries have been received by the author of "Specialized United States." Owing to pressure of official duties, writing for the press, studying stamps, etc., it is impossible to give personal replies to each correspondent, so they will be briefly answered through these columns. The writer will reply to all who have sent stamps, but for the above reason patience is asked.

E. C. S., Olympia, Wash.—Carrier stamps are found only in the early issues. They are smaller, neater and usually more legible than the regular post-office stamps. They usually bear an inscription like "U. S. Post-Paid," or the name of the city with a word which indicates that it was used locally only. Cancellations with a figure or letter in the center, or "P. O." have no significance except that the stamps were cancelled in a branch station, or main department.

E. C., Reisterstown, Md.—An article written to assist beginners in specializing in U. S. will be given in these columns shortly. Your questions, and those of many others, will then be briefly answered.

T. B., Detroit.—I believe that coils in pairs and unperforated in pairs, strips and blocks, used, will be comparatively rarer than the unused varieties.

J. L. F., Louisville.—Your stamps are not the 3 cent pink of 1861. Get a copy of the real pink, on approval, from some dealer and it will be easy to learn the color.

C. M. S., Kansas City.—Yes, the 5 cent buff, or so-called mustard shade of 1861 issue has been found grilled. See article on this denomination in these columns shortly.

A. D. F., Indianapolis.—By all means mount your stamps in blank albums. It will not matter if you never get all the stamps mentioned in my articles. You will never have any blank spaces, as is the case with printed albums, unless you, yourself, create them.

Carl Burkart, New York City, reports having a 12 cent black, issue 1851-60, perforated 15½ all around, red cancellation, with two outer lines on the left.

C. L. Drake, Chicago, reports having 24 cent 1851-60 perforated 15 vertically and 15½ horizontally.

My thanks are due to Fernald Hutchins, Dedham, Mass.; Jac. Meyer, New Orleans, Geo. W. Linn Co., Columbus, Ohio, Republic Stamp Co., Frankfort, Ky.; Hubert Lyman Clark, Cambridge, Mass., and others for the gift or loan of stamps to further the study of "Specialized U. S." Dozens of others whose offers to loan stamps were not replied to on account of pressure of work, are also thanked for their interest.

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NEWS GLEANINGS.

Under this heading we desire to publish all the news from the various philatelic centers. Correspondents' names will be given unless prohibited as we desire to give full credit for services rendered.

—The Haskin syndicate story on the A. P. S. convention is having a wide circulation. Wm. Lloyd sends us a clipping from the New Orleans *Times-Democrat.*

—"I'm finding it rather difficult to get any of the stamps of Penrhyn Island. Seven dealers refuse to come across. And they only catalogue about two dollars for the entire ten."—E. J. GIFFORD.

—Chas. E. Jenney writes in the *Stamp Journal:* "I find a great deal of dissatisfaction among members of the A. P. S. at the way the official organ matter is being handled. Those with whom I have talked are all in favor of MEKEEL'S WEEKLY STAMP NEWS, even if it has to be paid for."

—We are indebted to H. W. Boers for a couple of clippings but of insufficient philatelic interest to warrant our use of the same. Also four from Hugo Kuenstler of a similar character and one from Lawrence J. Heyman.

—"You certainly are keeping up the 'old reliable' in good shape. There was a stretch of ten years during which I wasn't interested but the old love is back stronger than ever, and the old paper better than ever. Keep it up."—E. J. GIFFORD.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from B. A. Webber (2), David Hurwitz, Geo. M. Schaefer (2), W. L. McAtee, Geo. A. Chandler and Geo. L. Balwin.

—W. H. Gilley and P. M. Wolsieffer of Chicago, Chester Myers of St. Louis, Frank J. Bescher of Kansas City and Harry J. Huber of Pittsburg have recently called at the WEEKLY office.

—The *Prov. Journal* of Aug. 19 contained a lengthy story on the A. P. S. by F. J. Haskin; clipping from B. A. Webber. Ditto the Boise *News* with clipping from W. F. Van Dusen.

—"Counterfeits of the lately catalogued Spanish Marianas stamps are being offered here in the Philippines. The type is well imitated but the color is not exactly right, and does not show on the back of the stamp, as it always does in the genuine. As these may soon find their way to the States, collectors should be on their guard against this new fake. All genuine copies are printed in an ink that soaks through the paper and shows on the back of the stamp, the same as on some of the Habilitados of the Philippines."—THEODORE SIDDALL.

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SPECIALIZED UNITED STATES.

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CHAPTER IX.

5 Cent, 1861-1868.

From every point of view, artistically, financially, and from a philatelic standpoint, there is no handsomer series of postage stamps than the 5 cents of 1861 to 1868. The warm shades of brown, combined with the beautiful engraving of the stamp design, appeals to the artistic sense, while the lack of disfigurement in cancellations creates a harmony which is pleasing to the critical eye of the particular collector.

The stamp is largely lacking in plate varieties, and for that reason the specialist has little to worry him in the application of the microscope.

The absence of small ornaments in the four corners create the August issue of the stamp. The first created stamps are, however, so rare that few collectors can ever hope to possess one, and at best must content himself with either a rude illustration to teach him the characteristics of the rare desired variety, or better—if the collector can obtain it—a proof of the August stamp.

No collector ought to object to the admission of proofs in his collection. They are prints in their correct colors from the plates themselves. And while not available for postage, that is all which can be said against giving them a place alongside of true postage stamps.

It was on August 14, 1861, that the first stamp of this issue was placed on sale, so far as history can be believed. There were printed—it is believed—between 85,000 and 100,000, before the plate was changed to fill out the corners. The color is of warm orange brown, printed on very thin yellowish white paper. Plate No. 3 was used.

About August 30 the change appeared. The stamps were now printed on thin, white wove paper, and this varies from thick to very thin, and close wove to wide wove in texture. From this date to the withdrawal of the issue late in 1868 only one plate was used—No. 17. Up to the employment of the grille there were issued 8,173,120 stamps, and of these the dark brown and black brown shades predominated.

The first stamps printed from Plate No. 17 are found in shades of pale buff, deep buff, brownish yellow, deep brown yellow, mustard and olive yellow.

In June, 1862, the color of ink was changed to red brown, and in the mixing of the inks a variety of shades was established. Besides the red brown, which in itself is a handsome stamp, there are the rare chestnut, dark red brown, brick red, orange brown, yellow brown and brown.

Later, probably in April, 1863, the color was deepened, and flattened out, with the result that we have dark brown, black brown, gray brown and bistre brown.

This is a rather hard stamp to find in perfect center, but owing to its shape a stamp off center does not look as disfigured as those perfectly rectangular in design.

A variety of cancellations are found, and could be, with profit, specialized in. Red, upon brown, is always a pleasing contrast, and is not exceedingly rare. Blue cancellations are about on a par with red. Occasionally a green cancellation is found, usually upon the early buffs. Year dated cancellations seem to be exceptionally rare, and to a specialist ought to prove highly desirable. Paid cancellations are scarce, too, and when a collector is lucky enough to get one, even if not in best condition, he is a subject for congratulation.

I have one with part of a steamboat cancellation showing, and was, no doubt, issued from the postoffice in New Orleans.

An undoubted variety which has never been chronicled, rests in my collection. It is part perforated, being imperforate vertically, and the stamp on each side shows sufficiently to prove that it is a true part perforate. The stamp to left shows nearly 5 mms., and I am certain it was not made to order from the center of the sheet.

It is a noticeable fact that abnormal perforations rarely exist in this stamp. I have heard of its being double perforated, but have never seen a copy.

In common with other stamps of this issue they were grilled to prevent cleaning of the stamps by dishonest persons. It is chronicled grilled all over, with both points up and down. As no used copy has ever been found it is not likely that it was ever intended for postal use, and might well be treated as a form of essay.

The grilled stamps of this issue were also printed from Plate 17. The number of stamps printed after the grilling process was applied was 682,180. When the issue was withdrawn there were 424,100 stamps burned. I am certain that stamps printed prior to the introduction of the grille were embossed, and also that the burned stamps were not largely made up of the grilled variety. If only 260,000 grilled stamps existed after the remainders were destroyed, the grilled 5 cents would be a rarity. As it is I believe it is a much rarer stamp than the catalog price indicates.

The stamp is grilled 11x13½, with 14x17 points, shade of brown. This is an exceptionally rare stamp.

A still rarer stamp is grilled 11x13, with 14x16 points, on red brown.

The collectors of shades will be interested to know that this stamp printed in yellow brown, red brown, brown, dark brown and black brown, are grilled 9x13½, with 12x17 points.

The 9x13 grill is found only on yellow brown and black brown, it has 12x16 points.

In 1875 this entire series was reprinted for exhibition at the Philadelphia Centennial, and the reprints were offered for sale to the public. Strange to say that out of 10,000 of the 5 cents so reprinted, only 672 were sold and the balance were destroyed. New plates were made for this stamp, but from the old die, so that no characteristics are to be noted in the plate. The color is pale brown, on very hard white paper and the stamp has the carefully printed, highly finished appearance of proofs. In fact but for the character of the paper the reprint might be mistaken for a perforated proof.

The reprint is found both gummed and ungummed, although they were supposed to have only been issued without gum.

The 5 cent brown, in company with all other denominations in this series, were overprinted "Specimen" in Old English text. Of these there were 20,100 printed. I consider these collectible, and specialists should secure the full set before the advancing price puts them beyond possession.

The following check list is suggested for a specialist in moderate financial circumstances:

Unused copy.
Shades.
Cancellations as above.
Pair or strip.
Double perforation.
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Pair or strip.
Cancellations.

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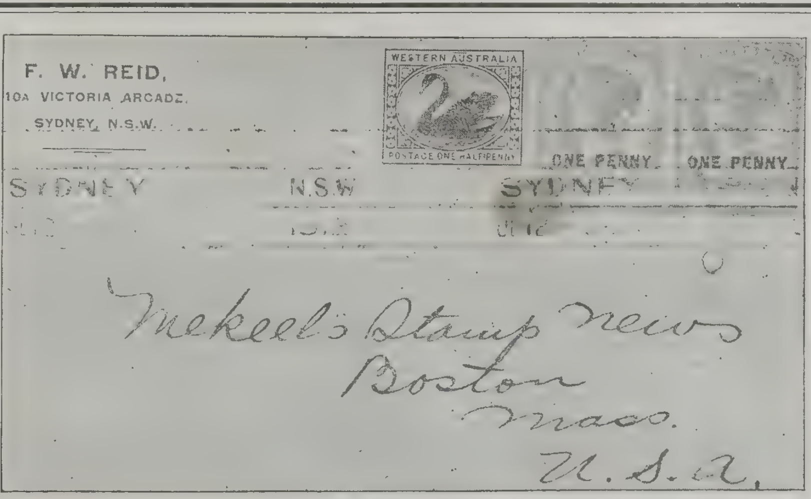
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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

EDITORIAL.

Springfield Scores—The one Springfield on the philatelic map has rendered a most satisfactory account of its stewardship of the convention of the American Philatelic Society convention and for a second time in as many decades the philatelists of that city have most creditably discharged their duties as hosts. The attendance was large and almost equalled the record attained by Chicago last year and a discriminating member from Chicago says that it was the most sociable convention that he has ever attended and he has been to many. While rain interfered somewhat with the *al fresco* entertainment yet old Jupe Pluvius could not dampen the feeling of fellowship that prevailed. In fact, it was through his instrumentality that the communion of philatelic souls became closer; and it was "fair weather" under roof because philatelic fellows had "got together." What was done at Springfield in a business way? That is a story that will be discussed when all the particulars have been received.

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Advertised—Philately was not a new subject to the Springfield newspapers and adequate accounts were given in the press. Some of us collectors remember how Mr. Charles B. Smith, once a member of the A. P. S. and an important individual on the staff of the famous Springfield *Republican* contributed timely and accurate articles on philately to his paper over twenty years ago. Mr. Smith's brilliant career was closed all too early by death and philately lost an influential friend. The papers of today did not violate the traditions of the past in this connection by indifferent work; in fact, so well was the convention covered that an account of the transactions could be pieced together from the reports as they appeared, if one could not secure them from a "correspondent on the spot." It is the belief of some of us that the value of newspaper publicity on the occasion of the annual convention cannot be unduly magnified and that it is an adjunct that must have consideration in any discussion of the benefits arising from the yearly convocation. As an object lesson of the significance of philately, the convention is unmistakable and it makes an impression on the ductile minds of the city editors. In addition to the press committee appointed by the local philatelists of the convention city, there should be named official spokesmen whose duties would be to furnish the reporters with approved information. In this way, desirable and authentic news accounts would be ensured, generally speaking.

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Voted Down—Our reports of the conventions of the Metropolitan Philatelic Association and the Southern Philatelic Association at Harrisburg show that the proposal to amalgamate the two societies was decisively defeated. While it is probable that for practical purposes the union of the two societies is to be preferred yet it is easy to understand how the sentiment of many members of the old Southern association made them follow the dictates of their hearts. The Metropolitan is the logical successor of the Philatelic Sons of America as the organization for the junior philatelists and the convention tidings of the Harrisburg meeting remind us somewhat of the youthful activities of nearly twenty years ago, when the name of Philatelic Sons of America was one to conjure with. However, looking through the haze of the past, we cannot admit that any convention of to-day matches the interest and enthusiasm that centered upon those memorable gatherings of the old P. S. of A. Let there be many local and sectional societies but two national organizations, one for the adult and one for the younger philatelist, meet all requirements.

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Old and New Hawaii—Speaking of near-finds, one of our readers made a trip recently to the old home of one of the early Hawaiian missionaries and he was permitted to search among the family archives which included many letters from the islands,—but sad to relate, someone had entered the sacred precincts, armed with trusty shears, before he gained the portal. Yawning holes showed where the stamps had reposed on the envelopes and we shall allow imagination to supply the rest. Still, the quest was not entirely bootless and the finding of several good covers was some compensation for the disappointment; one of the envelopes showed a thirteen-cent red, on which traces of a twelve-cent U. S., 1861, that had been pasted on the stamp, appeared; a five-cent blue, Hawaii, 1855 type had been scissored off the envelope, next to the thirteen-cent. While Hawaii has the stage, let us hearken unto the words of an esteemed dealer who has gone for the second time to the land of the Kanakas for his vacation: "How can any one who once has felt the magic touch of Hawaiian atmosphere fail to follow on—unresisting—when in sight of the noble Pacific. And so after a delightful trip to the Golden Gate—once more we fall victim to that lure, and seek to pass through to the Paradise beyond; for though the warm air of California brings repose—the soft, yet virile air of Hawaii is aggressively restful." This beats any steamboat folder or medical advertising that we have ever read.

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Open To Suspicion—One of the standard questions that is asked by correspondents is regarding the standing and value of imperforate and part perforated United States stamps of the earlier issues that ordinarily come perforated. When the specimens are submitted, they have undeniably large margins, as a rule, and in some instances the supposed imperforates have margins so extended on three of the four sides that parts of three of the adjoining stamps are shown. When these specimens are not catalogued as imperforate, an "imperforate" with convincing margins, even on four sides would not be accepted by the conservative authorities as proving original imperforation; they must have the evidence presented by a pair before they will recognize the variety. When the catalogue calls for an imperforate as a variety of a perforated stamp, then the big margins will have their weight and the experienced philatelist will hesitate to say that the stamp will not pass as an imperforate even though he may be dubious about its validity as an imperforate. The same remarks apply to part perforates except the part perforate must pass even a more rigid test. We have often told how a part perforate stamp at sides showing parts of two stamps next to it may be manufactured through the accidental aid of the abnormal cutting down the blank margin between the two panes of one hundred stamps each on the sheet of the early United States. The values of single imperforates and part perforated stamps that are listed but not priced is not a fixed one; some times the stamps sell very low at auction but that is because of the element of doubt that is inseparable from a single stamp, —if the stamp was in pair it would bring many times more than twice what the single copy realizes.

ANNUAL CONVENTION U. S. R. S.

By W. W. NORTON, Sec.

The Sixth Annual Convention of the United States Revenue Society was held at Hotel Kimball, Springfield, Mass., Wednesday afternoon, August 21st, 1912, with sixteen members present. John W. Prevost, president, presiding.

Reports from Officers and Committees were presented, showing that the United States Revenue Society is fulfilling the purpose for which it was organized.

The Secretary reported a membership of 126, being a slight loss during the past year, caused by members losing interest in stamps, or in the revenue lines of collecting.

An excellent report was presented by the Literature Committee which was read by W. C. Stone, and referred to the "Hand Book and Check List of United States Internal Revenue Stamps, Hydrometers and Lock Seals" just issued by the Society as follows:—"The Society is to be congratulated on having proved its right to existence. No other Philatelic organization of double its membership is doing as much for its members and for the hobby generally. Besides our Annual Year books this is the second separate work produced in the space of five years."

LEEWARD ISLANDS—JAMAICA
Better fill the blank spaces before you get caught as you did when Jamaicas went up. I have both countries fairly complete. Send list from any English Colony and see what I can do.
F. M. MASON, Box 1462, **Providence, R. I.**

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1904 St. Lucia, ½d, 3c; 1d, 3c; 2½d, 9c.
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What else do you need in West Indians?
Better fill up before the new issues arrive.
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This offer is open to you. Remit $1.00 for two years' renewal and take your choice of premiums. The retail price of these sets is from 25 to 40c—only we don't sell them!
Mekeel-Severn-Wylie Co., Boston, Mass.

The following officers were elected: President, C. A. Nast, of Colorado; 1st V. P., W. G. Saxton, of Ohio; 2nd V. P., W. D. Grout, of Massachusetts; Secretary, W. W. Norton, of Connecticut; Treasurer, H. S. Ackerman, of New York. The *Philadelphia Stamp News* was selected as the official organ. The meeting closed after a hearty vote of thanks to the members of the Springfield Stamp Club for their hospitality.

CHAMPION'S 1913 CATALOGUE.

This Standard French Catalog will be issued early in September and we are desirous that our many subscribers shall be made acquainted with its merits. To this end we make a subscription offer of more than ordinary interest.

The price of the Champion catalog is 85c. We will present you a copy of this catalog free of charge if you will remit $2.00 for four years' subscription to the WEEKLY. This offer comes well within the P. O. regulations regarding premiums on subscriptions and at the same time is a liberal offer.

You may if you desire send in your renewal for two years and, as well, a new subscription for some friend for two years: Add the Champion Catalog to your library.

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The two books will be sent postpaid for.. 1.00
WALTER W. NORTON, Secretary, Lakeville, Conn. [33

FINAL SESSION OF THE A. P. S.

After a two years' trial of the "American Philatelist" as a literary quarterly the American Philatelic Society has decided to discontinue the same and issue in its stead a monthly news bulletin to be sent every member.

The closing day of the convention at Springfield was taken up with a consideration of the matter of publication of the *American Philatelist*. The society has been greatly crippled by the loss of a regular and frequent means of communication with its membership. The quarterly has not filled the bill. Editor Howes did his part of the work but there was a screw loose at the printing office in Columbus.

A strong sentiment existed in favor of making a radical change and the new secretary, Mr. Ault, is clothed with the editorial toga of a monthly *American Philatelist*, to take the form of a news bulletin. The publication will be begun at once and we figure it out that Mr. Ault will have his hands full.

This action upon the part of the A. P. S. bears out the position taken by the managing editor of the WEEKLY at the conventions held at Denver and Columbus. Practically alone in our contention we strenuously maintained that the society should not enter the newspaper publishing field. We pointed out the difficulties and the expense and asserted that second class rates could not be secured providing advertising matter was accepted. Certain prominent members of the society admitted that our argument was logical and had they supported our position instead of yielding to a popular clamor we should have been spared the humiliation of our present failure. In the light of the caricature, misrepresentation and ingratitude to which we were subjected we shall be pardoned the penning of these few words.

Now we are to have a monthly bulletin of news to be sent every member. It will be a step in the right direction, but there are two vital weaknesses in the plan. The dues are to be increased from $1.20 to $1.80 and each member must pay 60c per year for this monthly publication. Again, the plan does not give the society any publicity and this the society needs if it is to fill its proper place in American philately.

Even as we were charged with self-interest at Denver and Columbus so shall we again be so accused in certain quarters when we suggest that if the American Philatelic Society is to grow and prosper it must needs have the benefit of the great recruiting power back of our publication. If Editor Ault can fit into the very hard position he is called upon to fill and measure up to its needs we shall be the first to do him honor.

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I am a buyer of anything rare in Egyptian stamps, especially in
BLOCKS AND SHEETS
What can you offer me. Send Full Particulars
My Specialty is British, British Colonial and United States Stamps and of these I have a very nice assortment.
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COMMUNICATIONS.

(We do not hold ourselves responsible for the views expressed by our readers. Our columns are always open for communications of general interest.—Ed.)

PONTIAC, MICH., Aug. 22.

TO THE EDITOR:—

I was quite interested in the article entitled "A Study in Valuation," as I was just about completing a recataloging of the stamps in the U. S. section of my collection.

Of the stamps issued prior to the 1910 issue, and priced in both Scott's 1911 and 1912 catalogues, I have 299 varieties and minor varieties. These stamps are postage only—and special deliveries—no dues, officials, cut squares nor revenues being included. Of the 299 stamps, I find 36 unused have made a total net gain in catalogue of $3.04, whilst 40 used stamps have made a corresponding gain of $5.17, a total net gain, for 76 stamps, of $8.21. The whole 299 had a total catalogue value by the 1911 catalogue, of $78.22, and by the 1912 catalogue of $86.43—not a bad showing, as these stamps do not include any great rarities, there being only 19 cataloging $1.00 or over. The highest priced one is the 10c 1847, then follow the 30c 1867 (9x13 grill), 90c 1861, etc. The bulk of my collection, however, is made up of British Colonials:—440 used and 1130 unused, and when I have these all catalogued, shall probably have some quite interesting figures to submit. A casual look through the catalogue shows substantial advances in many of the unused shilling stamps. As I count 66 unused shilling stamps amongst my Colonials, this is encouraging.

My little collection of Chile is also looking up. Had collected this country by Gibbons, and am pleased to note that Scott now recognizes all the issues of the best South American country.

A. P. S. 3724. W. R. HARRISON.

LEXINGTON, VA., Aug. 19, 1912.

TO THE EDITOR:—

Apropos of the Tuscumbia envelope feature by you in your issue of August 17, several queries occur to me. How did there come to be a Tuscumbia *3* cent envelope? I do not know that the 3 cent rate was ever used in the C. S. A. To be sure there is a 3 cent Marion, Va., mentioned in the catalog, but is not its status as an issue intended for prepayment of postage doubtful?

Was a *red* postmark ever used at Tuscumbia? The envelope is addressed to New Orleans. A 3 cent stamp would have paid the postage to New Orleans before the war or after the war, but during the war it would have required 5 cents. The postmark on the U. S. stamp is May 20; if this were 1861, as presumable, a U. S. stamp would have hardly passed muster, certainly not in Alabama, but a Tuscumbia stamped envelope (provisonal) would, if for 5 cents. Would a 3 cent stamp of 1857 issue have passed after the war? Had not this issue been demonetized for the very purpose of preventing the use of any stocks on hand in the South?

If it is O. K. it is of more than passing interest.

H.

CLEVELAND, O., Aug. 22.

TO THE EDITOR:—

I have a suggestion I would like to see some reliable packet dealer follow.

A young collector of my acquaintance decided to purchase a large variety packet as a "starter." He wanted 3000 varieties, priced (let us say) at $35.00, but found he could not afford that much. There was no 2500 variety packet, so he paid about $10.00 for 2000 varieties. Later on he was in a position to pay the difference in price of say $25.00, thus adding 1000 varieties to his collection, but was unable to obtain a packet of 1000 varieties which would contain the stamps in the 3000 variety packet which were not in the 2000 variety packet.

Probably other collectors have had this experience, and I would suggest as a remedy a series of non-duplicating packets, priced approximately as follows:

Packet No. 1	500	varieties,	$0.75
2	500	"	1.25
3	500	"	3.00
4	500	"	5.00
5	500	"	10.00
6	500	"	15.00
A total of	3000	varieties,	$35.00

A reduction might be given on two or more packets purchased at the same time, but the reduction should not be too large. Rather, the prices on each packet should be as low as possible. The list might be increased to 5000 or 10,000 varieties if desired. One large concern divides a variety packet of 5000 into units selling, if I remember rightly, at $4.00 each, but I think my plan would appeal to a larger number. If a boy could be given a Christmas or birthday gift of 500, then later 500 more, it would give him a start he would appreciate. Then he could add later without duplication.

I am not advocating the purchase of packets rather than buying from approval sheets, but I feel that I am stating a "crying need."

CHAS. A. JENKINS.

NORTH BEND, ORE., Aug. 20, 1912.

TO THE EDITOR:

I notice your communication from William S. Clark as to the scarcity of Curacoa No. 69. This value was listed by Scott years before it was issued. Like some of the Dutch Indies postage due, my old album, 1894 edition, had spaces for numbers 166 to 171, although they were not issued until 1909. If Mr. Clark will try some Holland dealer he can get a copy at about 25% above face. It's priced high enough in Scott's, considering its face value.

HERBERT ARMSTRONG.

A Chat With the Advertiser

Chas. A. Jenkins of the Cleveland *Leader* furnishes us with our text this week. Have you read his letter? Anyway it will not hurt you to read it again:—

"MEKEEL'S WEEKLY must be quite a good advertising medium. I sent an order recently to B. L. Drew and Co. and my remittance was returned with the statement that I was the ninth to be too late for the item desired."

We will allow that Mr. Drew may have offered a bargain, but even so, Mr. Jenkins is one of the nine who read the advertisement and then answered it. It is a fine tribute to the WEEKLY and its mailing list.

William L. Aldrich & Co. inaugurate their season's advertising with an announcement on this page. This firm broke into the game last year and has made good. A great find by the Aldrich Co. will no doubt be exploited in an early issue. It is a corker.

Arthur Abbott begins this week with a modest advertisement, but "ta l oaks, etc." Mr. Abbott is well known in the Hub and will no doubt prove his ability as a stamp merchant.

By the way, Sept. 7 will see a general awakening. We feel it in our bones that there will be things doing and you Mr. Dealer should step lively. Have copy reach us Saturday for the next week's paper.

We have a coin dealer patron who frequently uses the WEEKLY, Mr. Mehl of Ft. Worth, Texas. He is with us this week. Write him and let him know the WEEKLY is his best advertising friend.

THE MANAGING EDITOR.

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B. MAX MEHL, Numismatist, Dept. M, Fort Worth, Texas

$20.00 FOR $2
1,000 stamps of Cuba, 15 varieties 1899-1912, no Kings' heads, catalogued $20, for $2; 10,000 cat. $200, for $18.
A.B. Frawley, P.O. Box 128, Washington, D.C.

ATLAS Fine new convenient and handy compact "ATLAS of the World" illus. 15 cts. postpaid. Geo. Scharr, 189 Rockaway Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y. [tf

OUR BOOK REVIEW.

We have received from W. R. Ricketts the second instalment of the "Philatelic Literature Bibliography Index." The work before us ranges from "American Philatelic Society" to "Auction Prices of Philatelic Literature." The fact that twenty pages have already been printed is an indication of the comprehensiveness of the work.

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This column is for the use of our patrons who desire only a few lines of space. If you want to buy, sell or exchange, it is without doubt the best advertising medium in the world.

RATE.—20c per line, cash in advance. No display allowed. Six words to the line, including address. We offer 50 lines for $7.50, where cash is paid in advance. This space can be used at such times and in such quantities as may be desired.

We shall use every possible endeavor to protect our subscribers, but we cannot undertake to be responsible for unsatisfactory trade relations. Advertisers against whom complaints are proven will be debarred the further use of these columns.

Advertisers sending out approval selections must take precautions to secure satisfactory references. We cannot undertake to settle all the petty disputes arising from the wide-spread scattering of approval selections.

We want to buy a stamp collection for cash. J. L. Wolff, 717 Maryland Ave., Milwaukee, Wis. [tf*

Do You Use Wolsieffer's Approval Cards? [tf

U. S. Custom House Fees—20c to 90c, set of 8, 90c, beautiful copies. CROWELL STAMP CO., Cleveland, O. [tf*

Selections of desirable stamps sent on approval at 70% discount from cat. prices. Ref. required. J. EMORY RENOLL, Hanover Penna. [tf

When you Think of stamps Remember Aldrich, Box 612, St. Joseph, Missouri. 15000 var. in stock. General selections at 50-60% disc. By Countries priced net (basis ½ cat.). Reference Required. [tf

6000 stamp collectors read this paper. They will read your adv. as you read this.

My choice 60% and net approval selections contain perfect copies only. Reference please. M. W. TAYLOR, 41 Wethersfield Ave., Hartford, Conn. [34

Good M & M collection wanted for spot cash. H. W. DOSCHER & CO., 217 Montgomery St., San Francisco, Cal. [32*

Ready made approval sheets for you to sell at 50% off cat. and make 100% profit. No trash, sample for 10c. PAYN STAMP CO., 138 North Wellington St., Los Angeles, Calif. [tf*

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Over 200 diff. U. S., including 50c & $1.00 issues, for $1.00. I. X. L. Stamp Co., Pleasantville, N. J. [tf*

Try my apps. H. N. Haas, Lehighton, Pa. [tf*

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U. S. Stamps, 150 var.; 2 entire envelopes of '53 and one La. Law Stamp, mounted for $1.20 (cat. over $5.00). 100 var. as above and 2 entire envelopes of '53 for 50 cents. 50 var. and 1 entire envelope, 15 cents. 4 var. La. Law Stamps, nice copies, 10, 25, 50, $1, for 50 cents (cat. $1.25). M. J. LUCE, 2507 Brenville Ave., New Orleans, La. [32*

I want to buy lots of loose stamps for cash. What have you to sell? H. LEONARD. P. O. Box 785, Jacksonville Fla. [34*

SCOTT'S 1906 AND 1909 PHILIPPINES.

By THEO. SIDDALL.

I see Scott's 1912 catalogue has got the 1906 and 1909 issues mixed. No. 241, 2c yellow green, belongs to the 1909 set, as does also 242, 4c carmine lake, and 245-a, 10c blue. The "a" varieties of 241 and 242 are the main *1906* varieties. The correct cataloguing would be:

1906 2c dark green,
4c vermilion red (or carmine, if they prefer to call it carmine),
10c dark blue.
1909-10 2c yellow green,
4c carmine lake.
10c light blue.

I am leaving out of consideration the 6 and 8c. The 6c of 1909 is so slightly different from the 1906 that it isn't worth bothering with and the 8c cannot be distinguished from the 1906 stamp.

J. P. S. INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION.

The only change in the Scheme of Competition since the publication of the Prospectus on August 1, concerns Class K, in which the scope of Section 1 has been broadened to include collections of entires or *cut-squares* of any country except Great Britain. No provision was made in the original scheme for such collections of other than European states. The revised scheme for this class is as follows:

CLASS K—POSTAL STATIONERY.

(*Exhibits in this class may be shown as "entires" or "cut-squares."*)

Section 1.—Collections of impressed postal stationery (postcards, wrappers, envelopes, etc.) of any country (except Great Britain) or of any group of colonies of a country.

Section 2.—General collections of impressed postal stationery.

The awards remain as announced, though it will be at the discretion of the judges to increase these in the event of the alteration to Section 1, considerably increasing the number of competing exhibits.

The following comparative figures have been drawn up to show the enormous advance in space to be occupied by the "Jubilee International" over the former successful shows conducted by the Juniors. The figures concern floor space, and not the area of the glass frames.

Date.	*Exhibition.*	*Area.*
1905.	British.	1,664 sq. ft.
1908.	Imperial.	9,000 sq. ft.
1909.	Golden West.	2,588 sq. ft.
1912.	*Jubilee International.*	*17,920 sq. ft.*

The approximate area available for exhibits entered in competition for the various awards is 12,000 sq. ft., which amount will probably be fully taken up. At present, applications for space are being received in considerable numbers, and the requirements vary from a minimum 10 ft. to 400 sq. ft. per entry.

The planning of the Exhibition has been carried out with a view to enabling every visitor to see the show in comfort. The gangways are all wide and short, and the central intersecting cross roads are ten feet wide. The visitor who sets out to walk from the first exhibit to the last, without a visit to the Club Room, will, when finished, have covered a distance of three quarters of a mile. So it will be seen that with a bountiful provision of space for visitors and with so much to see it should be well worth every visitor's while to pay several visits to the Exhibition.

The greatest interest is being taken in the Exhibition abroad, and the international element is expected to be strong both in the competition and in the concourse of visitors. John Wulff, the Vice-President of the Sveriges Filatelist-Forenings, Stockholm, hopes to be present, and Nils Strandell B. A., the Editor of the *Nordisk Filatelistisk Tidskrift* is also expected. Albert Coyette of the Societe Francais de Timbrologie Paris, and Baron A. de Reuterskiold of Lausanne, are among those whose attendance is probable.

Exhibits are already entered or promised from Germany, and the United States in good numbers. It is expected that the number of entries from America will greatly exceed those at any previous international exhibition in Europe. A collection has been entered already from a philatelist in Bangkok, Siam.

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MR. ADVERTISER—PLEASE NOTE!

CLEVELAND, O., Aug. 20, 1912.

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AUSTRALIAN WATERMARKS.

By A. F. Basset Hall.

1.—The Double-Line Numerals.

New South Wales—There were three distinct supplies of paper manufactured:—(a) For the 1d, 2d, and 3d Laureated. This was made in 2-sheet moulds, of 300 watermarks each, and the paper was cut into six sheets, each containing 50 watermarks, in five horizontal rows of 10. This paper was not used for any other type of stamps. The example of the 3d with watermark 2, was evidently the result of a mistake on the part of the printer, and this stamp must be regarded as an "error."

(b) For the Large Square series, in 2-sheet moulds, each containing 400 figures, and cut into four sheets containing 100 watermarks in 10 horizontal rows of 10.

(c) For the Diadem series, in 2-sheet moulds, each containing 480 figures, cut into four sheets of 120 watermarks, in 10 horizontal rows of 12.

The (b) paper was used principally for the corresponding values of the Large Square series, but 5, 8, and 12 paper was used for separate printings of the 6d and the 8 paper was used for a large printing of the 1sh. The 5 paper was also used for the 2d Diadem, and the 2d De La Rue; while the 6 paper was used for some printings of the Registered stamp, and the 3d Diadem.

The (c) paper with watermark 2 was used for early printings of the 2d De La Rue.

Besides these intentional printings on paper not originally intended for the denominations in question, there were the accidental printings or "errors" of watermark, the 2d Diadem on paper watermarked 1 and 8, and the 3d Diadem on paper watermarked 2. It is not quite accurate to describe as "errors" certain of the stamps printed on paper with watermarks which do not correspond with the face values. The 2d Diadem, wmk. 5, the 3d Diadem, wmk. 6, the 2d De La Rue, wmk. 5, the 6d and 1sh, Large Square, wmk. 8, and the 6d of the same series, wmks. 5 and 12, were all intentionally so printed in large quantities, owing to a temporary exhaustion of the paper appropriate to the denomination printed.

The variations in the watermarks of paper (c) were, according to Mr. M. P. Castle:—

1 from 3-4 mm. in width, and from 14-15 mm. in height.

2 from 8-10 mm. in width, and from 14-15 mm. in height.

3 from 9-10 mm. in width, and from 13-15 mm. in height.

The shapes, that is, the slope of the top stroke of the 1, the curve of the tail of the 2, and the relative sizes of the upper and lower halves of the 3, varied in a marked degree. So much so, in fact, that "plating" of these watermarks should be an achievement within the bounds of practical philately! I present the suggestion to the intelligent band of young philatelists who are now looking for an outlet for their youthful energies, and await further developments. Think of the fascinating possibilities in the idea! While it is impossible to "plate" the 5d stamp, owing to the fact that each of the 100 impressions is identical, the watermarks in a sheet might be "plated," and having arranged these in their proper sequence, the stamps themselves must necessarily be also in the order in which they were on the plate when printed. But how about the 400 figures in the "mould"? It may be assumed that all of these were separately constructed by hand, and therefore show slight variations. This gives the earnest student an unparalleled field for research, and by the time he has examined, compared, identified, and established each type, and placed it in its proper position, he will be—fit for a lunatic asylum!

The double-line figures for the Tasmanian stamps were made in moulds consisting of single sheets, each containing 240 figures in 20 horizontal rows of 12, being of the same size as the steel plates from which the stamps were printed. Marked variations in dimensions are found in these watermarks also. Only one error is known—the 1d wmk. 2.

Victoria.—The paper used for the stamps of this State, bearing double-line watermarks, was borrowed from Tasmania.

2.—The Single-Line Numerals.

I have no data as to the size of the moulds for the paper manufactured by De La Rue & Co., with single-line watermarks. As used in the printing the sheets of paper contained 120 figures in two panes of 60. The variations in shape and size are very slight. This paper was of two makes, that for New South Wales (also used for Tasmania), and that for Victoria. As remarked above, in relation to the double-line watermarks found in conjunction with stamps of a denomination not corresponding with the figure, the 1d of Tasmania on paper watermarked 10 or 4, cannot be considered as "errors," they being the only printings made for issue at the time. The same remarks may safely be applied to the Victorian Laureated Heads, which, though at first printed on paper with watermarks corresponding with the values, were so frequently intentionally printed on paper originally intended for other values that "errors" is a less appropriate term than "varieties."

3.—The Types of Crown N S. W.

In referring to Type II., Large Crown, Dr. Weightman says ("Australian Philatelist," vol. 1, 1895, p. 82):—"In some stamps the upper arch of this watermark appears round instead of angular, and the lines from the circle to the centre of the base are parallel, instead of converging; these differences are probably due to accidental alterations of the wires in the Dandy Roll."

It seems possible that the variations referred to were really those constituting the intermediate type of watermark, numbered 33 on Mr. Walter A. Hull's plate of illustrations. This type appears to properly belong to paper manufactured for the 3d and 5d steel plates, but Mr. W. A. Hull has shown me a specimen of the Centennial 8d bearing this watermark, and also one of the 3d on paper with watermark Large Crown.

There are very many more points upon which further remarks might be made as to our Australian watermarks but for the present I will content myself with the foregoing notes.—*Australian Philatelist.*

1902 LEEWARD IDS. PROVISIONALS.

As is frequently the case with provisional stamps, of a surcharged nature, there are numerous minor varieties of this issue, of which only one is deemed worthy of catalogue rank.

The issue consisted of three stamps, 1d on 4d, 1d on 6d, and 1d on 7d, but it is with the first two that we principally will deal, as there are no varieties of any interest to be found on the sheets of the 1d on 7d, which is overprinted in quite a different type to the others.

The surcharge on the 1d on 4d, and the 1d on 6d, was set up in panes of sixty, made up of ten horizontal rows of six.

The 1d on 6d may be found with white on brown gum, the former being the scarcer variety of the two. I believe the stamps with white gum were the first to be surcharged, as all the sheets with brown gum that I have seen have shown various broken letters, which may be found perfect on some of the stamps with white gum.

A most interesting variety is the small "n," which is very marked and occurs on every sheet; I have seen one copy of the 1d on 4d in which this letter had failed to print at all. The following are the most conspicuous regular varieties, starting from the top row of the sheet and from the left hand side:—

Top row, tall "O" in "One," 1st stamp.
2nd " none.
3rd " dot in "P" of "Penny," 5th stamp.
4th " none.
5th " tall "O," 3rd and 5th stamps.
6th " none.
7th " tall "O," 4th stamp.
8th " broken "e" in Penny, 6th stamp.
9th " small "n" in "Penny," 1st stamp.
10th " broken "e" in "One," 1st stamp.

All the above varieties are constant on the sheets of both the 1d on 4d and 1d on 6d. A variety may sometimes be met with when the bar through the old value has failed to print.

With regard to the 1d on 7d; this stamp exists also with white and with brown gum, but is scarcer in the former state. There are no conspicuous varieties in the overprint, the only thing worthy of note being that the bottom two rows shew the surcharge somewhat out of alignment, the letters being, in practically every case, very unevenly placed.

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THE BEGINNERS' GUIDE.

REMAINDERS.

A term the beginner will frequently meet with is "remainders" as applied to certain stamps and it is surprising how many advanced collectors have only the haziest notion as to what these really are. Some confuse them with reprints, and others look upon them as a particularly obnoxious class of stamps. They are obviously not reprints, and where they are remainders of stamps issued for legitimate postal purposes, they can hardly be termed obnoxious. It may be unreasonable, but there is no gainsaying the fact that a stigma attaches to the name "remainders" in the eyes of most collectors. Remainders are the balance of an issue of stamps left on a Government's hands after that issue has been superseded by a new one. These may be destroyed—a course which generally commends itself to philatelists—they may be offered for sale by private or public treaty in one or more lots, or, as in the case of the "Seebecks", they may revert to the printers in accordance with the contract under which they were supplied. Of late years the general tendency has been to offer remainders for sale and the practice is one that, much as we may deplore it, has commended itself to even important and wealthy Governments.

Remainders are either sold unused or marked in some way so that they cannot be used for postal purposes.

When it is decided to sell them unused the issue is generally demonetised so that the labels have no further *postal* value. Sometimes they are sold at their facial value or more, but as a rule they realise much less.

The great objection most philatelists have against remainders is their tendency to unsettle market values and it is certainly the reverse of pleasant to find one can buy a set for, say, a tenth of their facial value after one has purchased a precisely similar set, while the stamps were current for face value plus a certain percentage. This, however, only happens when the parcel of remainders is a very large one. If the quantity is moderate the lowering of values is only temporary and once they become absorbed prices soon return to their old level.

On the other hand remainders have certain advantages. The very fact that they make a certain set plentiful and cheap makes that set obtainable by a large number of collectors who would otherwise have had to go without. Then in the case of old stock that has been retained for years before the remainders are sold it frequently happens that sheets and large blocks probably proving or disproving important philatelic theories are obtainable.

Some remainders have been marked or obliterated in so distinctive a manner that they stand in a class by themselves for they are neither used nor unused and their character is plain to everyone. For instance remainders of the 1863-77 stamps of Mauritius were overprinted with the word "CANCELLED" and these are worth very much less than used or unused specimens. The one most frequently met with, the ½d on 10d rose of 1877 is obtainable for 2c whereas unused it is catalogued at 60c and used at 75c. Other remainders that may at once be distinguished are those of Spain overprinted with three or four thick bars or punched with a small hole, those of Hamburg which are without gum, and those of St. Helena cancelled with a diamond shaped mark in violet.

SHORT REPLIES.

F. E. E. L. (Marion, Ind.)—The questions you ask could all be readily answered by reference to a catalogue. I do not think I ought to take up space in answering queries of this sort as I feel very strongly that every collector should possess a catalogue if he is going to take any sort of active interest in the pastime. You should certainly not think of specialising until you have a more advanced collection. It is the postmark proving these stamps were used in the Cayman Islands that gives them their enhanced value—the ones used in Jamaica are very common.

F. A. B. (Leominster, Mass.)—"Late Fee" is an extra charge in addition to the ordinary postage by means of which one may send a letter by a certain mail after the general posting box has been closed. This fee varies and may be as little as 1c for late letters handed in within 15 minutes of the clearing of the ordinary mail or as much as 12c as was the case in Victoria in the old days. Some countries issue special stamps for the collection of this fee—the Republic of Colombia for instance—but in most places ordinary postage stamps are used and their special use is only indicated by the cancellation as with those you describe. (2). There is no law against illustrating United States in other countries. (3). $5 postage stamps were merely used on heavy packages but owing to the general reduction in postal rates all over the world there is nowadays little use for any value above $1. (4). The lowest priced stamps with inverted centers I can call to mind at the moment are those comprised in the 1902 issue of the Dominican Republic all of which are catalogued at $1.50 each. (5). Tête-bêche applies to a pair so your block of four Grenada stamps consists of two tête-bêche pairs. (6). Any stamps perforated by single line machines are likely to vary considerably in size and such varieties have no philatelic interest whatsoever.

I. B. (Listowel, Canada)—I fear there is no printed album that would come up to your stringent requirements for even the best of them cannot be "permanent" after the lapse of a few years. The only really permanent albums are blank albums.

V. A. W. (Albany, N. Y.)—The Nicaraguan variety you mention is not uncommon and most of the series are well known with inverted overprint although they have not yet found their way into the catalogue.

CHAS. J. BARTON AND THE BANDANNA.

The Boston *Herald* is responsible for the following interview with our philatelic friend, Charles J. Barton, of Melrose, Mass. Mr. Barton attended the national convention at Baltimore and answers well the description of a Democratic spell-binder. The clipping follows:

"Bandanna a new emblem? Pooh, we had those 24 years ago!" says ex-Mayor Charles J. Barton, of Melrose, who styles himself a "Grover Cleveland and 'Billy' Russell Democrat."

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And here "Charlie" Barton produced two large red bandanna handkerchiefs from his pocket. "We had those back in the 1888 campaign, when Cleveland and Thurman were the Democratic candidates. Everybody who was out for the Democratic party carried one of those in his pocket. I guess the custom must have originated way back in the woods somewhere, where your old-fashioned "Yank" never thinks of carrying a white handkerchief, but mops his brow with a red or a blue one."

"I'd pretty near forgotten all about them till I saw that the bandanna was the emblem of the new party. Then I remembered it was an old story, and I thought I'd just dig these old bandannas out to convince some of my Roosevelt friends who are from Missouri."

"Well, do you think T. R.'s going to get away with it?" was asked.

"Don't you know," Mr. Barton answered, "that there's nothing to it but Wilson? All the old Democrats who have been like lost sheep for the past 10 or 15 years are just going to jump at the chance to vote for a man like Wilson. And all the Progressives are going to vote for him, too. If you had been down at Baltimore and looked at the men who were behind Wilson and the men who weren't! Why, every man who looked like a boss or looked as if he ever had been a boss or would like to be a boss some day was against Wilson. And for him were the finest looking, clean-cut bunch of young hustlers you ever laid eyes on.

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"Which are those?" was asked.

"Vermont, Rhode Island and Utah, and I'm not sure that he'd carry Vermont."

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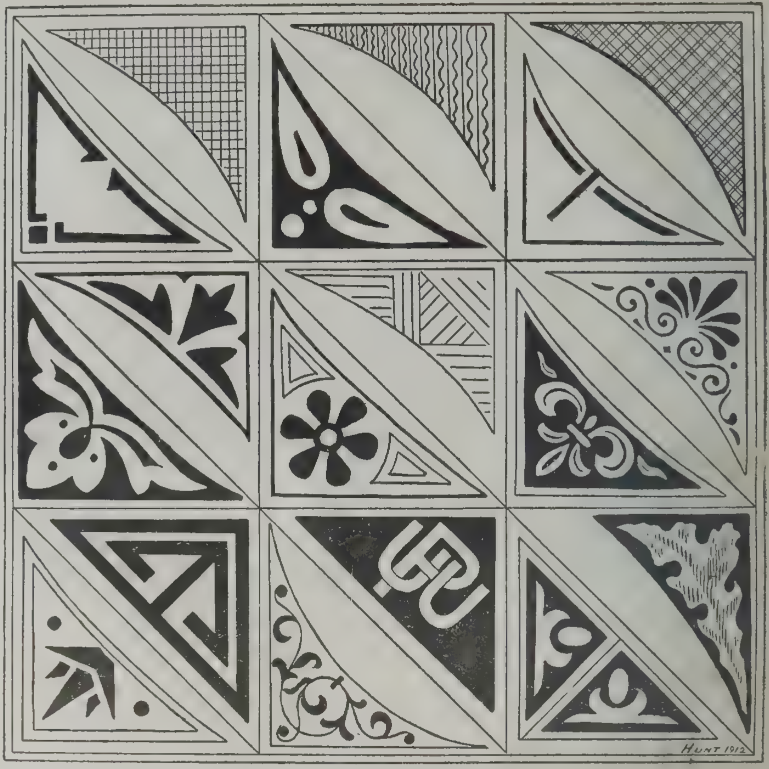

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Washington, D. C., Aug. 31.—The design for the new two cent stamp to be issued in commemoration of the opening of the Panama Canal and to be known as the "Panama-Pacific Exposition special issue" was to-day approved by Mr. Hitchcock, the Postmaster General.

The shape of the new stamp is oblong, its dimensions being about an inch in width, by one and one-quarter inches in length. In the middle is an engraving representing the Gatun Locks of the Panama Canal, showing a steamship leaving the southern lock, and another vessel being raised in the northern one. In the middle distance is a group of palm trees and in the background rise the hills of the Isthmus.

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POSTAL SAVINGS BANK STAMPS.

By Bertram W. H. Poole.

About the end of June, 1910, the United States Senate passed a bill authorizing the Postmaster-General to open Savings Banks in connection with certain post offices with the object of encouraging the small depositor. In Great Britain the Post Office Savings Bank is an old established institution which has attained a very high degree of prosperity and has almost a monopoly of actual "savings" business. The United States Government in inaugurating its venture on the same lines had somewhat different conditions to contend with and was, apparently, not altogether sanguine as to its immediate success. In every sizable town in the States private banks were already in operation and the new government institution had to meet the competition of these and also offered a lower rate of interest on deposits. There are, however, numerous individuals who will readily entrust their savings to a Government Bank, feeling their money is safer than with any private concern no matter how good its standing, so that the success of this new Post Office Department was never really in doubt.

On Jan. 3rd, 1911, depositaries were opened in connection with 48 post offices—one in each of the States and territories that were then prepared for statehood. These were experimental depositaries and at the end of the first month's business the total deposits were over $60,000. Three months later other offices were opened at the rate of nearly a thousand per month so that at the end of the first year of its operations the Postal Banks numbered more than 6,000 and held deposits amounting to over twelve million dollars. At the present time there are more than 10,000 depositaries with deposits exceeding $25,000,000. The success of the venture can, therefore, only be described as phenomenal.

All of which, the long-suffering "gentle reader," may remark, is very entertaining but where does the philatelic interest come in? Patience, my friends, the equally long-suffering philatelic scribe must write some sort of an introduction as a string on which to thread his philatelic pearls.

Section 2 of the bill before mentioned authorised the Postmaster-General to prepare and issue special stamps to be used for franking all official mail in connection with postal savings matters and this is the item of most interest to stamp collectors for these stamps are, of course, a regular official issue of the same status as the Departmentals issued in such generous profusion in 1873.

Section 6 of the same bill provided for the issue of special 10c stamps and a special 10c card. Deposits of a less amount than $1 not being accepted the savings of smaller sums is effected by these stamps and cards. These are not postage stamps in any sense of the term but they appear to be fairly generally collected as a side line and they certainly have an interest as "stamps" issued in connection with a branch of a highly important government department.

The first stamp issued for official use under the authorisation previously quoted bears the facial value of 2c. In size it is the same as the ordinary postage stamps, the principal features of the design being the inscriptions which rest on a finely engraved background of scroll work. At the top is "U. S. POSTAL SAVINGS," in the centre in two lines "OFFICIAL MAIL," and at the base "TWO CENTS." In addition the numeral "2" is shown in both of the lower angles. These stamps were manufactured by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing and are as excellently produced as all the other work of that busy Government department. The first supply, totalling 2,082,000 was printed about October, 1910, all being on the paper watermarked "U S P S" in double-lined capitals. They were printed in sheets of 400 and the plates were numbered consecutively with the regular series. According to the *Philatelic Gazette* the first plates were numbered 5500, 5501, 5502, and 5503. Being printed in black the stamps have a very handsome appearance. The exact date upon which they were first used does not appear to have been published but as the first depositaries were opened in January, 1911, and no doubt considerable correspondence had taken place between these offices and Washington for some time beforehand they were probably in use as early as November, 1910.

It was soon discovered that higher denominations than 2c would be required for franking the heavy packages containing the necessary books, deposit cards, etc., and it was at first proposed to utilize the then current 50c and $1 postage stamps and the $2 and $5 remainders of 1902 by overprinting these with the words "Postal Savings Official Mail." This project was abandoned but in February, 1911, three new values made their appearance—10c, red; 50c, green; and $1, blue. The 10c was printed in sheets of 400 on the new paper watermarked "U S P S" in single-lined capitals while the two high values were printed in sheets of 200 on the paper with the old watermark. How many of the 10c were printed I do not know but of the 50c there were 600,000 and of the $1 564,000 up to the end of 1911. As it is said the Bureau still has plenty of the old watermarked paper for the 200 plates on hand no change is yet likely in the two highest values of the series.

About the end of March, 1911, a 1c value was added to the set it being found that an appreciable amount of mail matter required only 1c postage. This stamp was printed in dark violet on the new paper and in the same design as the other values. Since then the 2c has appeared with the single-lined watermark, this variety being chronicled in May, 1911. This completes the adhesives issued to date in connection with the Postal Savings Official Mail.

Reference List.

Watermarked "U S P S" in double-lined letters.

- 2c black.
- 50c dark green.
- $1 ultramarine.

Watermarked "U S P S" in single-lined letters.

- 1c dark violet.
- 2c black.
- 10c red.

In addition to the adhesive stamps special stamped envelopes were issued for official use in connection with the Postal Savings Banks. Concurrently with the issue of the 2c adhesive a 2c envelope made its appearance. This is upright oval in shape like the ordinary envelope stamps, but it is not embossed. The inscription is similar to that on the adhesive stamps and is arranged in the same order the only difference being that the words "TWO" and "CENTS" are separated by a large numeral "2." The stamp is in carmine with the inscriptions uncolored. About the end of March, 1911, a 1c envelope of the same design was issued this being printed in green.

Reference List.

Envelope stamps.

- 1c green.
- 2c carmine.

Although not philatelic varieties we cannot conclude this short article without brief mention of the special cards and stamps issued for the use of depositors. The deposit cards are about the same size as an ordinary post-card and have an engraved border across the top of which is "United States Postal Savings Banks" followed by concise instructions as to its use. The card is ruled into ten spaces, the first of which is filled with a replica of the adhesive labels and represents the initial deposit of 10c with which the card is purchased. The other nine spaces when filled with the 10c adhesive labels make a total of $1 which is then accepted as a deposit. The cards are printed in sheets of eighteen but these are cut up before being shipped to the various depositories. The *Philatelic Gazette* informs us that the plates from which they are printed are numbered in with the ordinary series the first plate used being 5579. The "stamps," with which the remaining nine spaces on the cards have to be filled are somewhat like the official stamps. At the top is "U. S. POSTAL SAVINGS," in the centre is "10" in large numerals, and at the base is "CENTS." At first these cards and labels were printed in orange but later supplies were printed in blue.—*Hobbyist.*

NEWS GLEANINGS.

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THE "LONG" STAMPS OF SO. AUSTRALIA.

By W. BUCKLAND EDWARDS, B. Sc.

The postal affairs of the Australian States are still more or less in a state of chaos, awaiting the millennium—the issue of a uniform Federal or Commonwealth series. It may reasonably be supposed that such a series will eventually appear; meanwhile, the frequent changes in the stamps now in use, mainly due to different perforating machines, have resulted in a large number of varieties, which will—as the late Mr. E. J. Nankivell was never tired of pointing out—mean many blank spaces in the albums of future collectors. Many philatelists consider the old issues alone to be worthy of specialism and study, and they certainly have the best field for their labours, if their pockets are long enough to stand the strain; but so much has already been done in this direction, that humbler philatelists like myself must be content with the study of more recent and more easily acquired issues. Having already dealt with the pictorials of New Zealand, I have taken up the "long" stamps of South Australia, in the hope that they would yield equally interesting results. This, however, has not been the case, since the remarkable varieties of paper, to say nothing of gum, used for New Zealand stamps, have been a specialty of that go-ahead, but philatelically tiresome, country. Such results as I have achieved are now put before my readers.

The "long" stamps were, properly speaking, first introduced in 1887 for the values above 2s. The design consists of the Conventional Queen's Head in a circle placed within an oval containing the words "SOUTH AUSTRALIA." Straight labels appear above and below this oval, the top one with the words "POSTAGE & REVENUE," the bottom one with the words of value. The stamps measure 39x22½ mm., and the watermark Crown SA (close) consequently appears twice (normally) in each. With these particular stamps we have nothing to do at present, but the type was adopted for more extended use in 1902, being used for all the values from 3d upward with the exception of the 5d, and the resulting issues form the subject of this article.

According to the Editor of *The Philatelic Journal of Great Britain* (*vide* No. 228 for December, 1909) the old plate was used with the words "POSTAGE & REVENUE" taken out, and a duty-plate for each value was made for the single word "POSTAGE" at the top and the value at the bottom. He explains the variation in the length of the words of value by the fact that more than one such plate was made for all values but the four highest, but the variations are so numerous in minute details, that the explanation cannot be accepted as satisfactory; moreover, they appear on the same sheet. A note may be found in Gibbons Catalogue (page 257) to the effect that all the values show variations due to the fact that the words of value are type-set, and this seems to be correct. More than one setting was, however, made for some of the values, and if duty-plates were prepared by electrotypy from type set up in the usual way, more than one duty-plate was consequently used for such values, but the minor differences are explained by the method of setting up the type. That this was not done with exactness is shown by the fact that any given position of the word "POSTAGE" is not necessarily followed by that of the value-words, the top word may slant upwards or downwards, while the value may be straight; one may be raised or dropped while the other retains its proper position, and measurement of the distance between the words frequently shows a variation of nearly 1 mm. The filling of the labels was of course done at a second operation, with the result that the outer frame of the stamp may be touched or partly covered by the words; thus *Ewen's Weekly Stamp News* for January 10, 1903, mentions the receipt of a sheet of 9d with the word "POSTAGE" covering the outer frame, and "NINE PENCE" at the top of its label. Sheets thus badly printed were not as a rule issued to the public, but used for official correspondence; the well-known and rare error "EIGNT" for "EIGHT" was, however, not at first noticed, and a few got out in the usual way. As soon as attention was drawn to its existence the error was taken out of all sheets issued and put on one side for ultimate destruction. It occurred on the ninth stamp in the second row, all the "long" stamps being printed on half-sheets of the usual paper in 6 rows of 10, there being thus 120 watermarks to 60 stamps. It would be interesting to know if the second setting of the 8d value was due to the existence of this error, and the desire to avoid issuing mutilated sheets.

The word "POSTAGE" was at first in thin fancy capitals, and, as already stated, printed at a second operation. There was evidently no real reason for this, and in 1904 the word was placed on the plate in larger, thicker type, which proved much more effective, and avoided the bad results so frequently obtained before. This change of type conveniently divides the "long" stamps into two groups. The lettering at foot has always been in thin block capitals, but slight differences in the actual type have been noted in the case of one value (the 2sh 6d), and I am not sure that some of the later stamps do not show some variation in the size of the type used; this point will be discussed further on. The method of setting up the type gives rise to variations in the length of the words of value, unequal "spacing," and shifting of single letters; the method of printing causes the misplaced inscriptions, and the difference of shade which may frequently be noticed between the inscriptions and the rest of the stamp. Most of the resulting varieties are of quite minor importance even to the specialist, but they exist, and offer a field for research to those who like to study the most minute features of their stamps. I do not pretend to do more in this article than indicate the lines on which they may proceed, and can only mention such varieties as I myself possess, or have seen in other collections, or noted in the various publications from time to time.

The watermark, Crown S A, appears in all the "thin Postage" issues, and the change of type was made while this watermark was still in use; but in 1906 the Crown A paper was introduced, and nearly all the values now have this watermark. The "large Postage" group is therefore divided into two subgroups, or sections, by the watermark. Further division is brought about by the varieties of perforation, which are numerous and troublesome, but I am glad to say that the recently listed compounds have no actual existence, and though several observers have notified such compounds during the last few years, I am able to show that a little more care would have prevented them from error; in fact, it was the confusion of perforations caused by these would-be discoverers that led me to study the matter, and incidentally to write this paper.

The old machine, gauging 11½, was first used in 1902, and provides the only uniform set. This perforation can be detected at once by the somewhat ragged appearance of the holes and sharply pointed teeth. The old 12½ machine was also used for the 3d value and with the 11½ machine for several other values, producing compounds which exist in variety. As they were single-line machines, stamps can be found with one gauge on one side only, and the other gauge on the remaining three sides, and of course the perforation is sometimes 11½x12½, sometimes 12½x11½. Early in 1904 a new machine gauging 12 was brought into use, but as the plate alteration to "large Postage" was made the same year, only four values of the first type were so perforated, the rest being of the second type, but the complete set exists perf. 12 in one or another of the two types. Either this machine or another new one introduced later has some of the pins set irregularly, producing a gauge of 11½ to 13, and this has caused all the trouble referred to above. Whilst the majority of the stamps issued at this period gauge exactly 12, all values can be found with 11½, 12½ or 13 for one-third or half the length of the side, and a collector who happened to apply his perforation gauge to this part of a stamp would naturally jump to the conclusion that he had discovered a new compound. Thus amongst others the 4d was listed 12x12½, the 9d 12½x12 and 12x11½, the 8d and 1s 12x11½, the latter said to be comb-machine perforation, which is, of course, only available for the small-sized stamp, ½d to 2½d and 5d values.

I do not think that even an extreme specialist would take all these irregularly perforated stamps, since the list would be multiplied by four, but he might take three examples as I have done to show that such things exist; mine are the 9d perf. 12x12x13, the 2s 6d perf. 12x12x12½, and the 10s perf. 12x12x11½.

Some readers may suggest that these varieties arise from sheets incompletely perforated by the 12 machine and finished by another. The answer is that the two perforations are always in true alignment, and that there are far too many of such varieties to be explained by faulty workmanship; moreover the gauge 13 is not accounted for by the machines in use. I have, however, seen the 4d "thin Postage" perf. 12 with 11½ or 12½, or both, but I forget which. The stamps now in use are perforated by the Melbourne machine gauging 12½ and making small holes, but I have not yet seen the 10d, 10s, and £1 values, though the last has been recorded some time. This perforation is somewhat rough, quite different from the clean-cut 12. Only two features, paper and gum, now remain for general discussion, and may be dismissed in few words. The paper with Crown A watermark is thicker and more opaque than that with Crown SA watermark, and the Crown A is difficult to see. The gum is now quite white, whereas it has a yellowish tinge with the Cr. SA stamps, but the opacity of the paper may have something to do with this appearance. At any rate, no minor varieties arise from differences in either paper or gum.—*Gibbons Monthly Journal.*

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MY DEAR EDITOR:

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The work of the Exhibition is enormous. Things are simply booming and we are now well assured of a great success. The Stamp Factory will be an extraordinary exhibit; as you will see from enclosed details.

FRED J. MELVILLE.

(This is an early word in connection with the new 2d stamp. It comes in a brown orange color and is withal a pretty stamp. We shall publish next week the story of the "Stamp Factory" as sent by Mr. Melville.—ED.)

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Again and again we are reminded by our friends of the regard in which they hold the WEEKLY. To them there is no other paper that takes its place and we have many loyal subscribers who write: "We need no other paper while we have the WEEKLY!"

Our issue last week was a typical newsy number. Mr. Goodwin's article on "Specialized United States" and Mr. Poole's "Remainders" furnished philatelic food for advanced collector as well as beginner. Mr. Severn's editorials were bright and breezy; our A. P. S. news up-to-the-minute and general news matter well sustained. There was nothing to fall asleep over.

If you want the WEEKLY to be bigger, brighter and better show your copy to a friend and forward his subscription.

THE MANAGING EDITOR.

EDITORIAL.

Approved—The newspapers have been giving due publicity to the announcement from Washington that Postmaster-General Hitchcock has approved the new two-cent Panama-Pacific commemorative stamp. The following description of the specimen will whet the anticipations of collectors. It is about an inch wide and an inch and a quarter long; and shows an engraving of the Gatun Locks of the Panama Canal, with a steamship leaving the northern lock and a second vessel being raised in the southern lock. In the center of the background is a group of "fronded palms" and in extreme distance are the characteristic hills of the isthmus. Being aware of the keenness of the promoters of the Panama-Pacific publicity, we hazard the opinion that the public will be kept informed as to the progress that is made in the preparation of the set.

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All Right—In the *Collectors' Monthly* of Oakland, California, a welcome contemporary that improves with age, we find the editorial: "We are glad to see that MEKEEL'S WEEKLY STAMP NEWS advocates objects of historical interest for the proposed Panama-Pacific commemorative issue, but we should like to correct the statement 'the discovery of gold at Sutter's in 1848 be included in the ideas that receive consideration.' Gold was discovered at Coloma and not at Sutter's. Sutter was the name of the man who hired James Marshall, the discoverer of gold in California, to build a saw-mill at Coloma, on the American River, about fifty miles from where Sutter was located, which is known as Sutter's Fort, being in the vicinity of what is now the city of Sacramento. It was in the mill-race of this saw-mill that gold was first found; and as the discovery of gold was what caused the rapid growth of the west, so by all means include 'Sutter's Mill at Coloma' as one of the subjects for the Panama-Pacific commemorative stamps." These additional details are of interest but "Sutter's" was used by us for Sutter's Mill-Race, where gold was first discovered in California; and when the paragraph was written a striking old picture of the place was before us which tended to emphasize our idea of the propriety of using the theme for exploitation on one of the stamps.

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Gone and Done It—From the report of the Committee on By-Laws at the convention of the American Philatelic Society at Springfield which was duly adopted, the legislative proceedings of the body are to be gathered. The perennial problem of publication of an official journal, wholly the enterprise of the society, has been solved theoretically by the decision embodied in Section 1 of Article IX, Official Journal, which reads: "The *American Philatelist* shall be the Official Journal and shall be published as often as once a month, and more frequently if the Board of Directors shall so determine. It shall be edited by the Editor and approved by the President for publication." It is the consensus of opinion that the editorship of the journal is to be invested in the secretary during the current year and that officer is to receive as remuneration for his editorial services the sum of one hundred dollars. If it is deemed advisable in due course of time to publish the journal semi-monthly the necessary action will be taken. The *Quarterly* is discontinued as a partial defrayment of the added expenses entailed by a monthly publication and the fund available for the journal is augmented by the increase of the annual dues from one dollar and twenty cents to one dollar and eighty cents. By this means, sixty cents is segregated from each membership as a publishing fund for the *American Philatelist*. The additional five cents a month to the dues will be amply recompensed by the receipt of a publication of standing; and if the series of the *American Philatelist* under way approaches in excellence of the *American Philatelist* of the old days, utmost satisfaction must prevail on the part of the members. Other changes were made in the By-Laws to harmonize them to the new order.

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Well Enough—We admire the radical action of the convention in so valiantly meeting the emergency that confronted it. Had the members yielded to the temptation of compromise measures, the day of reckoning merely would have been deferred. In fact, to have temporized further would have incurred the probability of grave danger to the welfare of the society. It was shown incontrovertibly that the progress of the society could be sustained only by the receipt regularly of the official journal by the members; and by its transaction, the society effectually enforces this requirement. The present official journal which was elected to succeed itself finds itself dispossessed of its prerogative but the action of the Springfield convention was foreshadowed last year at Chicago when it was voted that the action of the convention could nullify any vote on official journal when the society proposed the publication of its own paper. Now that the hopes of years of many of the members have been harvested it becomes incumbent particularly on the part of those who long have looked forward to the day of a re-born *American Philatelist* to support it by deeds as well as words.

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Genuine—Mr. W. R. Harrison, Pontiac, Michigan, writes: "I am enclosing you herewith a curiosity in the shape of a two-cent 1869, used as a revenue stamp on a promissory note, canceled with the date, 'Jul. 27.' This was given me by a relative a few days ago, having been found amongst some old papers." Here is an instance of the provisional use of a postage stamp for revenue purposes and the document is interesting in this phase to a specialist.

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Shoe Labels—Mr. Edwin R. Slater of New Haven has supplemented Mr. Morse's remarks on the subject of the Gordon McKay labels; and he has reproduced the design of the second issue of the pasters. Mr. Slater says that as a clerk in a shoe store, forty-five years ago, Gordon McKay had patented a machine for sewing on the soles of shoes. The serial number denoted the royalty or charge on each pair and the label was stuck on the soles of the shoes.

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Bear in Mind—Australia has adopted a schedule of duties on advertising matter sent to that country, similar to that in force in several other of the British colonies. One of the provisions for the payment of duty is "At the Commonwealth Office, London, where adhesive stamps will be issued for attachment to the postal matter to indicate that duty has been paid." If payment is not made according to one of the methods prescribed, the duty will be "collected from the addressee by surcharge by the Postal Department (for the customs)."

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SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Aug. 31.—In an address on "See America First." delivered before the Trans-Mississippi Commercial Congress, Louis Hill, chairman of the Great Northern Railway board of directors, suggested that Uncle Sam ought to erase the faces of some of our illustrious dead from postage stamps and print thereupon the famous scenic spots of the country as the United States Government's contribution in the "See America First" campaign, for which the great railways of the country now are spending millions of dollars annually.

"It's a pity Uncle Sam could not have his observatory telescope adjusted so he would recognize the necessity of contributing to a 'See America First' campaign fund. Even little Switzerland does, and she continues to get away with the alluring fallacy that 'the best fishing is always on the other side of the lake'.

"Uncle Sam has Alps of his own right up in Glacier Park. I'd like to see Congress wake up to the patriotic necessity of advertising the scenic beauties and natural wonders scattered throughout our domain."

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Many of our readers have not appreciated the offer we make of Bright's catalog of adhesives (1912 edition) for a three years' subscription to the WEEKLY. This offer is good on a new subscription or a renewal.

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What else do you need in West Indians?
Better fill up before the new issues arrive.
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PARCELS POST, EFFECTIVE JAN. 1, 1913

The new law will render necessary a set of stamps as indicated in the interview with Mr. Hitchcock. A dozen values ranging from 1c to $1.00 are promised.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 3.—Announcement has been made by Postmaster-General Hitchcock that the Postoffice Department would be in readiness on January 1, 1913, to put into general operation the recently organized parcels system. The postal express business, which must be organized within four months, will extend over more than a million miles of rural delivery and star routes and will cover in its ramifications all systems of transportation of parcels now utilized by private express companies.

"First of all," Mr. Hitchcock said, "must be prepared a classification of the articles that can be accepted for transportation by parcels post. The law admits to the mails practically all kinds of merchandise that can be transported safely, including products of the farm and garden, as well as factory products, provided such articles do not weigh more than 11 pounds nor exceed 72 inches in combined length and girth. The mode of packing will be prescribed.

The present equipment of the mail service is not adapted to the carriage of such merchandise and therefore new equipment must be provided. It is likely we shall employ extensively hampers similar to those used in foreign countries in handling parcels post mail. The style, size and material of such hampers must be determined and advertisements issued for their purchase.

"The law provides that postage on all parcels shall be prepaid by affixing distinctive stamps. This will necessitate the designating and printing of at least a dozen denominations of special stamps, ranging in value from 1 cent to $1. Provision for the collection on delivery of the price of a parcel must be made. Regulations governing this phase of the system already are being prepared.

"The law provides indemnification for lost or damaged articles, and since many of the articles to be carried will be fragile or perishable the question of indemnity is one for careful regulation."

It is realized by Mr. Hitchcock that it is important at the outset to provide for sufficient additional equipment and transportation facilities to avoid any possible clogging of the usual mail channels. This involves one of the most serious problems confronting the postal officials as a result of the taking over of so large a volume of additional mail.

Written for MEKEEL'S WEEKLY.

SPECIALIZED UNITED STATES.

By FRANK E. GOODWIN.

CHAPTER X.

10 Cents, Issue of 1861-1868.

This stamp, when collected in all of its varieties and shades, cancellations and adjuncts, makes another handsome lot of pages, unsurpassed by any unless it be the 5 cents of this same issue. And on account of the comparative commonness of almost everything needed to complete the collection it need not be an expensive luxury to make up a very complete and pleasing gathering of these pretty pieces of green-printed paper.

Unlike all others of this issue the August variety can be had by a great many collectors. In fact, few real stamp collectors are too poor to afford a copy of this beautiful *premiere gravure.*

The August was printed in a deep, velvety shade of green, upon very thin yellowish white paper, and is easily ruined through bending or breaking—so brittle is the paper's texture. Directly above the inscription at the top—the label which curves in a perfect circle over the portrait there is no line of color such as exists in the commoner variety.

This stamp was largely used upon mail between New York and Havana, by an importing concern, and a large majority of them are cancelled in red. Black cancellations over the August issue are comparatively rare.

Just why the change which marks the difference between the August and September issues was made in the plate I am not able to determine. Suffice to say that the change was effected, and a single curved line of dark color, bending over the face of Washington, decreases the value of a stamp more than 100 fold.

Probably some 500,000 of these stamps-without-the-line were printed during the less than a month while other plates were being made. This was sufficient to make it the lowest priced of the Premieres, however.

The addition of the line, and a shading of the stars above created Plate 15, known as the September issue. The number of the August plate was 4, by the way.

The first shade of the September issue was dark green, and it is noticeable that some stamps are found in the exact shade of the August type. In September, 1863, the stamp appeared in pale yellow green, yellow green, and dark yellow green. In December, 1863, a dash of blue was added, and the stamp took on a bluish green hue.

A variety with different pose of a lock of hair is said to exist. I have not been able to distinguish it, as yet.

Up to the time the grilles were applied to this issue there were printed 27,459,840 stamps. As there is no record of any being burned this will account for their cheapness and their general use all over the country explains the great variety of cancellations found.

As before mentioned, these stamps were printed from plate 15. But the demand was so great that another plate—No. 26—was constructed, and two plates were used.

The stamp is found unperforated all around—a superb copy of which I have—and imperforate vertically, as well.

On or about August 8, 1867, the grille, or embossed, variety was born.

If I was minded to follow the catalogs I should, of course, bring all of the ungrilled denominations together first, and then those containing the grilles. But I cannot bring myself to feel that the application of an embossing process creates an issue, much as I dislike to run contrary to the traditions of the cataloguers and the book-writers. One might as well say that the re-cutting of the upper and lower outer lines in the 1 cent, 1851, or removing the outerline in the 3 cent perforated variety of the same issue created issues. For that reason I class the grilles only as varieties. If anyone disagree to my logic, I'll not quarrel, or argue the question. It's differences of opinion which makes horse-racing.

The grilled varieties were made from sheets printed upon plates 15 and 26. The number of stamps issued during the application of the grille were 5,289,380. But there is hardly a doubt but some of those sheets printed before August 8, 1867, passed between the grille rollers, thus increasing this number materially.

Although the catalog chronicles but two sizes of grilles, there were at least six distinct measurements. There is an 11x13½, with 14x17 points, in dark green and blue green. 11x13, with points counting 14x16, comes in dark green. 11x12, with 14x15 points, is in blue green, 10x13, with 13x16 points, is in dark green. 9x13½, with 12x17 points, is in blue green and yellow green, while the 9x13, points 12x16, is common only in blue green.

If specialists will take the pains to measure and count their grilles they will be surprised to see what a variety they can build up with but a few stamps to start with.

The same remarks about reprints I made of the 5 cents, in the last chapter, will apply to this stamp as well. Practically the same number of reprints were sold to the public, and it is a truly rare article.

It is one of the series overprinted "Specimen" and what I said last week need not be repeated here.

The specialist need not expend many dollars to build up a nice collection in this stamp, as only the reprint is prohibitive. A suggested check list is:

August type.
September type—unused.
  Pair or strip.
  Shades, as above.
  Cancellations as usual.
  Proof on India paper.
  Proof on card board.
Grilled type—unused.
  Pair or strip.
  Shades, as above.
  Cancellations.
  Double perforations.

(*To be continued.*)

A Chat With the Advertiser

Bright & Son open their advertising campaign this week and will be found regularly on page four. This firm has established a good trade on this side of the Atlantic and appreciates the worth of the WEEKLY.

Messrs. Albright & Co. with us last spring are now re-established and will have a regular advertisement week by week.

We welcome to our columns an old patron whose offers will be found of more than ordinary interest. We refer to the Home Stamp Co. This firm has a reputation for low prices and small dealers especially will find some attractive wholesale offers in their price lists.

At the A. P. S. convention the managing editor had a talk with Dr. Homburger on the advertising proposition and the Dr. is not at all backward in saying that there is nothing to it but MEKEEL'S WEEKLY so far as returns, actual returns are concerned. He has tried them all.

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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

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CHRONICLE OF NEW ISSUES AND VARIETIES

Edited by HENRY A. KIDDER.

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UNITED STATES.—Considerable progress has been made in the designs of the new series says the *Philatelic Gazette*. The designs for the 1c and 5c have been accepted by Postmaster General Hitchcock, the 5c bears his signature "Approved July 16." The 2c is now practically settled though it has not yet received the final O. K. of the Post Office Department. The design for the 10c did not make such rapid progress as considerable difficulty was experienced in obtaining acceptable photographs of any of the subjects under consideration. Mr. I. E. Bennett, who represents the San Francisco interests in Washington, has finally succeeded in discovering a beautiful picture representing The Discovery of San Francisco Bay, which will quite likely be adopted very shortly. It is an oil painting by Charles F. Mathews, representing Spanish forces accompanied by a priest and Indians in the foreground.

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I want to buy lots of loose stamps for cash. What have you to sell? H. LEONARD. P. O. Box 785, Jacksonville Fla. [34*

In the distance is a view of San Francisco Bay. The group indicates the discovery by a missionary. The 2c design is very handsome. It shows the locks of Gatun Dam. Through the left one a merchant vessel is passing while the right passage is free. Both locks are open giving a picturesque view with a sky line. At first the vessel represented was a war ship, but this was recently changed and an "S" was added to the word "Lock."

The inscriptions at the top are as follows: 1c and 2c "Panama Canal," without date; for the 5c and 10c "San Francisco 1915." In addition all have "U. S. Postage" at top. Another design for the 10c has also been submitted but will probably not be accepted. It represents an allegorical figure holding up a torch with a view of the extreme southern point of South America. Though only two designs are as yet officially settled, it is practically assured that the four denominations representing the set will be as follows:

1c green (Balboa).
2c carmine (Gatun Locks).
5c blue (Golden Gate).
10c — (San Francisco Bay).

The San Francisco commissioners recently petitioned the post office authorities for a very large-sized stamp, to be two inches high and submitted designs, but a stamp of that size is very impractical and would not be popular, besides the production would be too expensive. It is quite probable that the new series will be placed on sale early in 1913, in order to advertise the great Exposition two years in advance.

Wells Royce Bliss sends us a copy of the new officially sealed stamp, rouletted 6½.

BARBADOS.—Wells Royce Bliss reports having received a letter from Barbados with a 2½d stamp of the design recently illustrated and described. The color is still ultramarine, though of a darker shade than the previous issue.

Adhesive.

2½d ultramarine.

BULGARIA.—A very handsome set of stamps has been issued by the Bulgarian Postoffice Department to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the accession of King Ferdinand, specimens of the three values having been shown us by Whitfield King & Co. The stamps are of large size, 26x32 mm., the design being the same for all denominations. A fine portrait of King Ferdinand occupies a large circle in the centre, the only criticism possible being that the King's head comes too near the top of the opening. The portrait is surrounded by a broad band, having Slavonic inscriptions, with insignia at the top and at the right and left, the whole surmounted by a crown. The armorial bearings of the King are placed at the right and left of the crown, in shields running across the top of the stamp. The values appear in the lower corners, in large circular tablets in colorless characters. Between these tablets are placed the dates, "1887-1912," in colored lined figures on a colorless background. The stamps are printed in a single color on white unwatermarked paper and perforated 12½. The quantities issued were 200,000 of the 5 stotinki, 150,000 of the 10s and 100,000 of the 25s. This is not a permanent issue, Whitfield King & Co. being informed that they were to be on sale only until Sept. 1, unless previously exhausted, and considering the small number issued, this probably happened early.

Commemorative Adhesives.

5s olive.
10s claret.
25s slate blue.

These stamps have also been shown us by W. T. Wilson, who adds:—"I also have post cards of 5 and 10s, identical design and colors as the adhesives but on the reverse is a rich Gothic design, covering nearly the entire back, showing the King fully robed on his throne."

COLOMBIA.—Frank C. Davis has shown us a lot of covers from Colombia, the stamps being the small numeral issue of 1904-08, but with various curious postmarks. Among them are "Jardin," "Envigado," "Ebenco," "San Andres," "Paraiso" and "Penol," all preceded by "C. D." and a dash. Most of these are postmarked with a large oval stamp, reading "Agencia Postal Nacional—Rep. de Colombia—*Barranquilla*", and the date. Another cover has five 1c stamps, hand stamped "Libre.—Contratacion." in very large letters, this cover being also stamped with the Barranquilla postmark. Another cover has two of the 2c numeral stamps of the latest issue, and a third copy cut diagonally and half used as 1c.

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CYPRUS.—Another value has appeared in the King George set, a specimen having been shown us by Whitfield King & Co.

Adhesive.

30pa lilac and green.

DENMARK.—As noted last week, the 10 ore value has been issued in the numeral type, specimens having been shown us by the New England Stamp Co. and Whitfield King & Co. The color is very bright, and not at all like the previous issue.

Adhesive.

10 ore rose carmine.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC.—Frank C. Davis sends us a cover franked with the 10c provisional of 1905, Scott's No. 152, showing that these stamps are still good for postage, as the postmark is dated "Jul. 26, 1912."

ECUADOR.—Frank C. Davis has shown us a cover from Ecuador which was franked with the 2c revenue stamps of the familiar type, dated "1911-1912," each stamp being penmarked, "Calceta" as large as the size of the stamp will allow, the writing being placed diagonally reading down. Another cover has the same penmarked surcharge upon a 10c "Timbre Patriotico" stamp. The design is the same as the regular revenue issue, except that the date is omitted at the top and "Timbre Fiscal" at the bottom is replaced by the words quoted above, while the stamp is printed in two colors. There are no postmarks on either of these covers.

GERMANY.—John F. Wilmott reports having received an aviation stamp from Germany, though whether it is official or a private issue is not clear. It is used on international mail in addition to the regular stamp and is cancelled with the regular cancelling stamp. The value is 10 pfenniges, and the color brick red. The design shows an eagle flying above the clouds. Further information is desired regarding this stamp and its use.

GIBRALTAR.—We have the following from Whitfield King and Co. regarding the issue of the new King George stamps:

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"We observe that in giving you information of the issue of King George stamps for Gibraltar, nothing was said of the circumstances under which they were issued, which are as follow. The new stamps were received in the Colony on July 16, or perhaps a few days earlier, strict secrecy being observed concerning them, in fact, we had a consignment of the Edwardian stamps sent from the Gibraltar post office on July 16, and although we had asked when the King George stamps would be issued our question was not answered.

"When the post office was closed on July 16 the officials remained behind and the whole stock of the Edwardian stamps on hand was counted and packed up, the officials leaving at one o'clock the next morning. At 9 a. m., on the 17th instant, the King George stamps were put on sale at the post office, the entire stock of the Edwardian stamps was taken to the Colonial Treasurer's office and there burnt.

"Before the stamps were destroyed our correspondent at Gibraltar went to the Colonial Treasurer's office and wished to purchase £1000 of the Edwardian stamps, and although they were not yet destroyed, but were actually in the office at the time, the officials refused to let him have any. No one but the Government officials concerned knew of the arrival of the new stamps in the Colony, nor was the slightest previous notice given that the old stamps were to be withdrawn and destroyed."

PERU.—Frank C. Davis has shown us a cover from Rucara, Peru, franked with a 5c and 10c postage due stamps of 1909, this apparently satisfying the post-office officials.

PORTUGAL.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us further values of the new stamps, completing the series. We find that the advance announcement of the series had the colors of the 50c and 1e stamps reversed.

Adhesives.

15c magenta.
50c orange on salmon.
1e green on blue.

Mr. Schachne has shown us a revised card of the new issue. The headline is sufficiently shortened to give space for the arms at upper left.

Post Card.

1c green on buff; divided face.

PORTUGUESE INDIA.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us some more provisionals from this Colony, the arrangement being the same as Scott's No. 260, the stamps being divided into two halves by vertical perforations, and the new value printed in the upper part of the left half and in the lower part of the right half. The provisional 6 reis stamps appear both with and without the surcharge "Republica."

Provisional Adhesives.

On issue of 1902-03.
"6 Reis" on 9r gray lilac.
Surcharged "Republica."
"1 Real" on 1 real gray.
"6 Reis" on 9r gray lilac.

SWEDEN.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us the 1 ore black on paper watermarked wavy lines. The 2 and 4 ore stamps of the regular postage set have been previously chronicled on this paper with this watermark.

TURKEY.—Wm. F. Palmer reports having found Scott's No. 86, which has the final "E" of "Piastre," changed to an "F," in used condition.

MR. KLEIN AT MARKTREDWITZ.

Auxiliary Report of the Counterfeit Detector of the A. P. S.

I had the pleasure of attending the Philatelistentag of the German and Austrian Stamp Societies. This is an Institution similar to our Convention, which also takes place each year, and to which the various German Societies, and their corresponding Societies send delegates.

The Philatelistentag this year took place in Marktredwitz with an attendance of 160.

Coupon books entitling visitors to all attractions, dinner, excursions, etc., were sold for fifteen marks. The town was gaily decorated with flags and a Triumphant Arch, showing in large pictures of rarities, like the Moldavian 81 paras, and Mauritius P. O., etc.

The chief "business" was the passing, after a lengthy and heated discussion, of the Resolution offered by Mr. Heger of Vienna.

The Resolution is as follows:—

Rules for the Valuations of Cancellations.

(A.) *Genuinely postally used* are all postage stamps, which were used in the places intended for them *during* their currency and cancelled by the Authorities with genuine, unaltered postmarks then in use.

Remark: (No. 1) Postage stamps, which are cancelled with *pen and ink* marks and other cancellations ordered by the Authorities, are considered *equally valuable,* (for instance, Lubeck, 1st issue, German Empire, 2 marks 1875-84, Columbia early issues and Afghanistan).

(No. 2) Postage stamps with Telegraphic, Railway, or other fiscal cancellations, may be looked upon by *postage* stamp collectors as less valuable space-fillers.

(B.) *With forged cancellations, and therefore, entirely valueless are:*

(a) Postage stamps, cancelled during their currency by postmarks with *deliberately* changed dates (for instance, German Mariannas, 1st issue) or were cancelled in places outside of their intended use, (for instance, Liechtenstein).

(b) Postage stamps, which were cancelled *after they were withdrawn from use.* Such cancelling stamps may be as follows:—

(1) Postal cancellations, which show either an *earlier* or *later date* than the time of their being current (for instance, Servia 1904 with postmark 1903, or Iceland 1873 issue cancelled 1875-76.

(2) Postal cancellations, in which the date has been *set back* in order to *produce the appearance* of correct dates, (for instance certain remainders of Montenegro 1907 and Luxemburg 1879-82).

(3) Postal cancellations, which were produced *by the Authorities for the purpose* of cancelling the stamps (for instance St. Helena) or cancelling marks, which were *again brought into use* for the purpose of cancelling stamps in entire sheets, (for instance, Labuan bar cancellations, especially beginning with 1894).

It does not make any difference whether the *post-office* or the purchaser applies the cancelling stamps furnished by the Post Office.

(c) Postage stamps, which were cancelled by *unauthorized cancelling stamps,* during or after their being current.

The above resolution was called for by the great demand for cancelled stamps on the Continent, especially in Germany.

EUGENE KLEIN.

EDITOR SCOTT ON NEW ISSUES.

(Metropolitan Philatelist.)

At last the stamps of King George are coming out in a fairly constant stream and we advise collectors to keep ahead of the tide. To secure all immediately as they are issued is not a very costly undertaking but once let them accumulate the amount may be more than can be easily handled. The collector then begins to pick out and select with the usual result of buying the wrong ones first while the neglected issues are rapidly advancing in price. Expert dealers cannot guess which ones will soon become rare so there is small chance of the average collector being able to turn the trick. The only safe way is to buy every stamp issued of any series you may decide on collecting. We do not mean to say that every collector must purchase every British colonial stamp as issued regardless of face value, but if they decide on taking every stamp issued up to one shilling or five shillings or higher, take all without playing favorites. As a matter of fact, we advise the purchase of the higher values in preference to the low ones. A five shilling stamp is likely to be a better investment than the same amount of low values. The stream of Portuguese Colonials has now stopped and the early investors have good reason to congratulate themselves on their foresight and good luck, but the end is not yet and we expect to see much higher prices in the not distant future.

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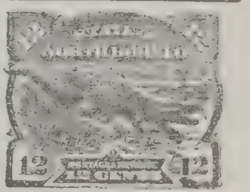

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WITH THE BOY PHILATELIST.

Edited by BERTRAM W. H. POOLE, Box 231, Altadena, Calif.

We propose to insert upon this page matter that will be of interest to the boy collector. Some two thousand boys are now on our mailing list and it is our desire to come closely in contact with them in such a manner as will be most helpful. Any information desired will be cheerfully rendered through these columns. Do not submit stamps for examination.

THE BEGINNERS' GUIDE.

FAKES AND COUNTERFEITS.

Philately, in common with every other collecting hobby, has received the unwelcome attention of the faker and counterfeiter but there is one great consolation and that is the fact that the majority of fakes and forgeries are fairly easy to detect, while there has never yet, even among the "dangerous" counterfeits, been one so cleverly executed as to deceive the experts on the stamps of the country imitated. The beginner has little concern with either fakes or counterfeits for the majority of stamps which have been imitated are expensive varieties such as the beginner is hardly likely to purchase. But as our "guide" would hardly be complete without some reference to the subject we append the following notes.

Fakes and counterfeits are not synonymous terms, so far as philately is concerned at any rate, and they must not be confused one with the other. A fake is a genuine stamp which has been tampered with in some way so as to turn it from a common variety to one of greater value. For instance a stamp changed chemically from one color to a rarer one, a forged surcharge applied to a genuine stamp, a stamp from which the perforations have been removed so that it can masquerade as an imperforate variety, or one on which the gauge of the perforations has been altered, are all fakes.

A counterfeit, on the other hand, is an out-and-out imitation of some stamp or other, and is manufactured either with the intention of defrauding the postal authorities or of deceiving collectors.

We are inclined to think that faked stamps present the most danger to philatelists. But as it is always the expensive varieties that are faked, the inexperienced collector can safeguard himself by purchasing his stamps only from reliable dealers whose guarantee is worth having. It is the height of folly to buy a rare stamp, when offered by a stranger at a small fraction of its real value, unless one is very positive as to its genuineness, just because it is cheap. The chances are it will turn out to be a very poor "bargain."

Counterfeits manufactured with the idea of defrauding the revenue are generally fairly harmless so far as stamp collectors are concerned. Indeed most specialists collect these varieties as interesting curiosities and it is strange to note the crude imitations that have successfully deceived postal employes. Some of the 2c United States stamps of 1890 were counterfeited but they are such poor productions one can only marvel at any one having been taken in by them. The number of frauds made purely to deceive the postal authorities is small and, curiously enough, many of these are scarcer and command higher prices than the originals. Some of these frauds have lain hidden for years after the stamps counterfeited were out of issue and would probably never have been known but for the studies of the specialist.

At the present time it is generally the stamp-collector who forms the prey of the counterfeiter. Unfortunately in several countries the laws are sufficiently lax to allow of the counterfeiter carrying on his nefarious trade without hindrance so long as his "facsimiles," as he generally terms them, are not intended to defraud the revenue. In the early days of philately forgeries were much more common than they are now. Indeed many forgeries were bought by collectors as such just to fill the spaces in the albums and this fact accounts for the large proportion of forgeries found in most really old collections. Then, of course, knowledge in stamp matters was not very widely distributed so that the distribution of counterfeits was a fairly simple matter. Nowadays owing to the numerous handbooks, catalogues, and magazines the philatelist is well protected with knowledge and unless a counterfeit is exceptionally well executed it will hardly deceive even the tyro. It therefore does not pay to imitate common stamps, so the counterfeiter directs his attention to the rarer varieties. To produce varieties cleverly enough to have the slightest chance of gulling collectors he has to be a man of considerable skill and as the processes he employs are frequently expensive it is very questionable if the game is worth the candle. He may copy the design of a stamp almost exactly and then he has to imitate watermark, paper, and perforation and, as we pointed out in our notes on Reprints, if Government departments with all the resources they can command cannot imitate a stamp sufficiently closely to pass the eagle-eyed scrutiny of the trained philatelist, the chances of a private individual being successful are even more remote.

Taken as a whole then, fakes and counterfeits, do not present a very serious danger even to inexperienced collectors, so long as they take the precaution of dealing only with reliable concerns.

SHORT REPLIES.

W. A. M. (San Francisco).—I regret I know nothing about the telegraph stamps you mention.

A. W. (Sunderland, Neb.).—Your New Zealand stamp watermarked with small star is probably one from the bottom row of a sheet in which the watermark was so displaced that in this instance the letters "N Z" failed to show.

THE BEST WAY TO CLEAN STAMPS.

By REV. E. D. PRICE.

Judging from statements made from time to time in the leading Stamp Journals few collectors appear to know how stamps should be cleaned. In one magazine the boiling of stamps for half-an-hour is recommended. Having a few spare copies available (but no Harrison prints, unfortunately), I determined to try the "boiling" method. The general results were as follows:—

(1) It is the quickest way of cleaning stamps that I have ever tried. The size of the saucepan is the only limit as to the number one can speedily clean. A good sized vessel will hold thousands at a time.

(2) I found a 15 minutes boil quite sufficient; 5 to 10 minutes will generally be found ample.

(3) The line-engraved stamps, such as Great Britain 1d red, Q. 1858, German 10pf red of 1880, U. States 2 C. 1853, were actually improved in appearance.

(4) All traces of gums, original or otherwise, had quite disappeared.

(5) A large number of the stamps were absolutely discoloured. Some had turned almost white, as if "greyed" by age, in fact had become changelings.

(6) Chalk surfaced stamps deposited their chalk at the bottom of the water and most of their colour too.

In one magazine now before me an expert recommends us to lay our precious stamps, except fugitive colour ones, "face upwards in water."

It is a good thing that stamps as a rule can swim. But the difficulty of hooking them out of the bath without wetting their faces is by no means to be despised. Occasionally, alas, a stamp or two of mine was found drowned as a result of this "bath" treatment. Of course, should the stamp have become caked with mud in the course of its travels and is warranted not to lose colour, the swimming bath plan is to be recommended.

About 40% of the ordinary schoolboy stamps require cleaning. We all have to do it or have it done for us. Now here is the correct scientific method, one warranted not to damage the most delicate stamps. Procure a pair of photographic developing dishes, those made of papier máché, or celluloid are excellent for the purpose and those with broad bottoms and shallow are the most suitable. Two are needed. Place in each dish a piece of clean white blotting paper of good quality cut to fit the dish. These pieces will have to be renewed after a time. Coloured blotting paper occassionally discolours the stamp, as also will an ink stain. Sufficient water should be poured into one of the dishes to thoroughly saturate the blotting paper and to show on the surface. The stamp to be cleaned is laid on this *face upwards.* Should the stamps be on very thick paper or card board more water will have to be added. After quite a short time all adhesive paper can quite easily be removed. The stamp should then be placed in the drying dish and allowed to dry slowly. If dried too rapidly they will curl up, but this can be prevented by lightly laying on top of the stamps to be dried, while still damp, an extra piece of blotting paper. Stamps that are greasy should now be brushed with benzine.

When removing extraneous paper from a stamp, recollect that damp paper tears *more easily* than dry.—From the *Philatelic Journal of India.*

COLLECTING BLOCKS OF FOUR.

Editor Scott in *Metropolitan Philatelist.*

The current drift of modern collecting is towards blocks of four or larger pieces where such can be procured. This might have been foretold years ago by the average amateur but like many indications they are seen by all and acted upon by the few. Every time a block is broken the remainders are so much rarer and singles commoner. The history of all pursuits is for the experts to make the game more difficult. The old style fishermen tried to get the fish by netting, shooting, clubbing, or any other old way to get the fish out of the water. The modern fisher strives to catch the largest fish with the thinnest possible rod and the longer it takes to land his prey the prouder he is of his achievement. The old time amateur collected stamps, begged them if possible and took what he could get, a perfect specimen lightly cancelled was his delight but half a stamp was better than none of that variety and found a place in his album. Later used stamps gave way to unused specimens and not being satisfied with the face of the stamp being perfect the gum on the back also had to be in the same condition. Now we strive for blocks, certainly an ideal mode of collecting; of course it costs four times as much as the old style, but we believe it has come to stay. It must not be expected that there will be an immediate and large profit in buying blocks because others are doing the same thing, but such a collection in the course of ten years will appreciate in value. Again, the lowest values in this condition will be plentiful for many years to come but high values of nearly all uncurrent stamps are even now hard to find and are bound to rapidly increase in value. Take some easy country and try it, or rather make up your mind to fill the set. You will have to pay pretty high for some common stamps in this state and do some tall hunting to find them, but remember, if you have difficulty in securing the blocks now when you are willing to pay liberally for them how much more difficult it will be for those who come along a few years later. It will be cheaper for him to buy your set at your price.

U. S. LORE.

By FRANK E. GOODWIN.

I have recently found a 3 cent rose, issue of 1867, grilled 14x17, points up, in same color of the 13x16.

I have also just obtained a 3 cent grille covering entire stamp, which shows a part of postmark reading "Ind." I have traced this stamp to Rockport, Indiana, and as it is without question a genuine and authentic grille the former belief that the grilled-all-over stamp was only used in Little Rock, Ark., and Savannah, Ga., is erroneous.

Can any reader furnish substantial proof that these stamps were used in other places as well?

Warren D. Brown, New York, reports having found the 24, 30 and 90 cents, 1851-1860 issue, perforated 15x15½, according to his measurements. The writer will verify this, as Mr. Brown has kindly offered to loan the stamps for that purpose.

Ralph Eilers, St. Louis, hands me a book leaf of 1 cent current issue, with numerals, which shows a line of color running from top to bottom of the three right hand stamps, beginning at the top of the plate and continuing down through each of the left numerals of each stamp. This line crosses the space between the stamps, as well as the white margin at bottom of the pane. Each leaf in a full book procured by Mr. Eilers showed this line, proving that it was not caused by some mishandling of the sheet in printing. Unfortunately the book did not contain plate numbers. Has any reader found this stamp so printed? Does it exist other than in book leaves?

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The display naturally divides itself up into four important sections:

1. *Paper-Making by Hand.* As the visitor enters the Factory the first exhibit on the right will be the practical manufacture of hand-made paper. Visitors will there see the hand-mould dipped by the vatman or "dipper" into vats of semi-liquid pulp and turned and handed to the "coucher" as a sheet of pulpy paper to be dried and pressed between felts. So completely practical will this exhibition be that philatelists will be so instructed as to be capable of doing it themselves. In fact, so far as possible visitors will be given opportunities of making a sheet of hand-made paper for themselves, suitably watermarked, as souvenirs of their visit to the Jubilee International Stamp Exhibition.

2. *Paper-Making by Machinery.* A full-size paper-making machine is an enormous affair, but the Executive have secured an exhibit of a most elaborate working model, the parts of which are all to scale, and which will actually produce many miles of paper in continuous rolls throughout the week of the Exhibition. The machine is so conveniently compact that visitors can walk all round it, and have a perfect view of the whole process. Starting at the "wet" end they will see the pulp in the vat where it is kept in motion by an "agitator," and lifted into a strainer before it is evenly flowed on to the endless band of wire gauze which is constantly moving towards the dry end of the machine. At the sides of the moving gauze and moving with it part of the distance, are the deckles, or boundary straps which decide the width of the paper roll. Then the gradually forming paper passes under the dandy roll which impresses the watermark. A special dandy roll with the watermark of the Junior Philatelic Society will be used on this occasion. Then the paper passes under and over a group of eight gas-heated drying cylinders, and we doubt not the privilege will be eagerly sought by visitors of possessing strips of the completed paper as it comes off the machine. The machine is being erected at a convenient low level so that its operations, from first to last, shall be completely open for inspection and careful study. At intervals short explanatory lecturettes will be given, and skilled operators will be constantly in attendance to explain the working of the paper-making machine to visitors.

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3. *Stamp-Printing.* The philatelic public has had several opportunities of seeing in a small way the process of recess-plate printing for postage stamps. But never have collectors had the privilege of seeing the work of typographical stamp-printing as carried on at the several establishments under contract with the British Government, or at Somerset House itself. So the Executive Committee have concentrated their attention on this important section of stamp-printing for their practical display. Here at one of the stamp-presses installed and operated by the celebrated stamp-printing firm of Waterlow Brothers & Layton, Limited, of Birchin Lane &

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Messrs. Waterlow Brothers are also arranging to show many items of curious and rare interest relating to stamp-manufacture, and as during their firm's long record they have produced stamps by lithography, recess-plate printing, and typography, their display is certain to be of the greatest interest to every stamp-collector.

4. *Perforating the Stamps.* Now, having seen paper made and the stamps printed visitors will next see how the stamps have to be perforated; to cope with the output from Messrs. Waterlow's press, two perforating machines are being installed by Messrs. Grover & Co., of the Britannia Engineering Works, Wharf Road, N. The larger of the two machines is exactly the same as is in use at the Somerset House, Hayes and Broken Wharf stamp-factories, and it will be provided with a "George V" punch box perforating 15x14 in a comb corresponding to the long way of the sheet of 240 stamps.

The public has never seen our stamp-perforating, and the opportunity for seeing this process alone should be of inestimable value to all students of philately, as well as to representatives of other governments concerned in the production of stamps. A few particulars of the machine may be of interest to show the importance of this exhibit.

The machine was designed for the British Government and its Contractors, for the perforation of Postage and Insurance stamps and Customs Duty Labels, &c., and a number of the machines have been supplied and are giving every satisfaction to the users.

The machine is necessarily of very massive construction, as the work is of such a nature that little or no allowance for error is tolerable, owing to the narrow limits of the British Stamp margins. It will perforate gummed and water-marked paper seven Sheets at a time and at the rate of about 2,000 Sheets per hour, this speed being the limit of the average operator's capacity. The machine as shown at the Exhibition perforates Sheets of a maximum width of 24 inches and with a maximum of about 1,000 Pins in the "Comb."

The length of the Sheet or Roll to be perforated is unlimited. There are no Racks to limit the work, and adjustment in the running direction of the Paper is under control by means of a micrometer device, which is adjustable at will during the working of the Machine.

The Pinning arrangement is "Universal" within the limits of 24 inches by 24 inches; the Pinning carriage is brought automatically against its Registering Stops at either end of its stroke under the control of the Operator, this mechanical delivery conducing to the accuracy of the work.

As a Stamp-Perforating Machine this large one which is to be used at the Exhibition, has no equal for accuracy of work and speed of output, a moderate average output being half a million stamps per hour.

The machine requires a power of 2 B. H. P. and weighs 32 cwts. Its dimensions over all are length 7 ft., width 5 ft. 6 ins., height 4 ft. 10 ins.

A smaller machine will also be exhibited in operation.

It will be seen from the foregoing description of the arrangements for the Model Stamp Factory that the Executive Committee of the Jubilee International Stamp Exhibition have prepared and completed a really wonderful working display of stamp-printing on a scale never before attempted. As a course of pleasant and practical instruction in the art of paper-making and the mechanical processes of stamp production the display should prove of the highest value to philatelic students, and it is in harmony with the constantly maintained objects of the Junior Philatelic Society that the Exhibition shall be of the greatest possible educational value, both to the stamp-collectors and to the public.

Lest there be any misapprehension on the subject we may add that every visitor may see this wonderful display without charge; there are no side-shows of the Exhibition to be paid for. Every visitor will be the guest of the Junior Philatelic Society, and if disposed to be generous may concentrate his generosity by supporting the members of the stamp-trade, who by taking stall spaces at the Exhibition have contributed largely to the cost of the elaborate arrangements.

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DEATH OF CHAS. PRINTZLAU.

(A Baltimore subscriber sends us the following clipping from a local paper giving an account of the death of Chas. Printzlau of that city. Mr. Printzlau is better known to the dealers than the collecting fraternity.—Ed.)

While he lived, Charles Printzlau, a proof-reader, who boarded at 1407 North Central avenue, tried to be "a good fellow." He saved a woman from drowning and became paralyzed for life as a result. He gave liberally to his lodge, helped the poor, ate heartily, laughed loudly and grew to weigh 360 pounds.

So when he felt that death was coming upon him he wanted not only his name but his reputation to survive him. He wrote a will which directed those who are to distribute his estate to erect a monument at his grave upon which is to be graven the epitaph "He Was a Good Fellow."

And then, to merit further the inscription, he gave most of his money to several lodges of the Odd Fellows and $1,000 to Miss Carrie H. Contee, of 1741 West Lexington street, who, he says in his will, is "a hard-working girl, the only support of her parents and three minor children."

Printzlau made this will January 30 of last year when he thought his death was near. He died August 27 of paralysis, which had possessed him for nearly 12 years.

BANQUET INSTEAD OF MOURNING.

He did not want anyone to mourn his death. He bequeathed $130 to Washington Lodge of the Odd Fellows for a banquet to be held some time this year in his memory, and he left $2,000 to Martha Washington Rebekah Lodge and suggested that the income from this be used each year for an entertainment on March 22.

CAME TO BALTIMORE 8 YEARS AGO.

He came to Baltimore about eight years ago and two years later went to board with Patrolman William C. West at the Central avenue address. He had three interests in his life—one was a stamp collection which he valued above all things else, his lodge and Miss Contee, his co-worker. Being crippled and compelled to spend most of his time sitting, he grew large and weighed at his death about 360 pounds. But he made life interesting for himself by collecting stamps. He had begun years ago and had obtained stamps from every country. There were, perhaps, 15,000 of them in his collection and he kept them in an iron safe in his room on Central avenue.

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NEWS GLEANINGS.

Under this heading we desire to publish all the news from the various philatelic centers. Correspondents' names will be given unless prohibited as we desire to give full credit for services rendered.

—Harry A. Smith of the Herbert A. Fox Stamp Co., Oswego, N. Y., was a recent caller at the office. Mr. Smith was in Boston attending the postal clerks' convention. He speaks highly of the WEEKLY as an advertising medium and promises that the Fox Co. shall be represented in our columns this winter.

—Our Season-Opener Special of Sept. 28 will be the first of a series of special numbers that we intend to issue during the fall and winter.

—E. L. Cone, Farmington, Ill., a WEEKLY subscriber of many years standing called at the office the past week.

—We are indebted to H. McConnell of Walloon Lake, Mich., for a big batch of clippings from various old philatelic publications. Such interest in the WEEKLY upon the part of our subscribers is greatly appreciated.

—Fred Michael & Bro., Chicago, have a fine attraction booked in the sale of the collection at auction of the late Frederick L. Fake, the father of Judge Fake of the Municipal Court, Chicago. The catalogue is a large one and accomodates nearly 1,500 lots; and three folios of illustrations loan greater effect to it. The sale will be held September 27th and 28th, at 8 P. M., in the room of the Chicago Numismatic Society, Masonic Temple; and it will be a fine introductory to the schedule of monthly auction sales of stamps and coins that Fred Michael & Brother have in prospect.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from Geo. H. Scharr, R. L. Stultz (3), M. A. Lesser, R. T. Hammett, Jr., John Terry, M. Henry and L. Lazarus.

—We are indebted to L. T. Brodstone for a clipping from the Kansas City *Star* giving the particulars of one of Mr. Brodstone's finds and his great success in the publication of the *West.* Mr. Brodstone attended the M. P. A. convention but was unable to get on to Springfield because of a temorary illness.

—B. Max Mehl, Fort Worth, Texas, sends us a 36-page price list of coins and paper money in ancient and modern, United States and foreign. To anyone collecting coins or coming in contact with chance specimens this book will prove a valuable reference list.

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" " 3c sepia, rare	.10
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DEATH OF FRANK BESCHER.

Mr. Severn in our editorial columns writes of the death of Frank Bescher. It is indeed a sudden blow especially to those who met him at Springfield, so cheery and apparently so strong in health. From Mr. Severn's letter under date of Sept. 5 we quote:

"Yesterday afternoon, suddenly and almost without warning, Frank Bescher of Kansas City, Mo., died at the Hotel LaSalle. Iver Johnson was with him at the time and two doctors and a nurse who were hurriedly called could do nothing for Bescher. The coroner's inquest was held to-day and the body will be shipped to Kansas City to-night, according to plans. An acute attack of indigestion, perhaps induced in great measure by the severe heat of the past week was the direct cause of death. Two brothers-in-law of Frank are here and will take the body home. The death was a sad one, away from home as it was and just after the conventions (he had attended the coin convention at Rochester, as well) and his mother and sisters will feel it keenly. The stamp boys here have been doing everything possible to soften the blow."

A letter received from P. M. Wolsieffer refers to the sad event as follows:

"It is my painful duty to notify you that Frank J. Bescher of Kansas City passed away Wednesday afternoon at the Hotel LaSalle in this city.

He succumbed to heat prostration owing to the extreme humidity prevailing at the time, while he was on his way with Iver Johnson to the stock yards. While waiting for an elevated train, he began to feel dizzy and Mr. Johnson immediately hurried him back to the hotel, where shortly after he was taken with convulsions and passed away at 2 o'clock notwithstanding the efforts of two physicians, nurses, etc.

His relatives were telegraphed for, and the remains will be taken back to Kansas City."

Mr. Bescher is well known to hundreds of our readers, not only through attendance at the A. P. S. Conventions but by correspondence and his public spirited interest in all that pertains to the good of philately. He will indeed be greatly missed.

As we go to press we receive a letter from H. F. Kohr with the following additional word concerning Mr. Bescher's funeral and his business and family interests:—

"Mr. Bescher's funeral was held Saturday, Sept. 7 from the Catholic Church of Our Lady of Good Counsel.

Mr. Bescher had probably the largest and finest collection of stamps in Kansas City. He made a specialty of unused stamps and instead of buying through dealers, as is the custom, he always bought them direct from the country of issue. His collection contained many rarities and practically complete issues of many countries.

His collection of early Swiss stamps was especially valuable and while his collection of United States issues lacked many rarities, it was rich in shades and minor varieties and represented a considerable investment.

Mr. Bescher was 42 years old and was born in Kansas City. Before entering the produce business he was employed in the composing room of the Kansas City *Times* For a number of years he has been operating as the Bescher & Baker Produce Company, 420 Walnut Street.

Mr. Bescher was unmarried. He is survived by a mother, Mrs. Barbara Kemp; five sisters—Mrs. Anna Baker, Mrs. Frances Harrington, Miss Antonette Bescher, Mrs. Samuel Moorhead and Miss Grace Bescher—and one brother, Fred Bescher, all of Kansas City.

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Written for MEKEEL'S WEEKLY.

SPECIALIZED UNITED STATES.

By FRANK E. GOODWIN.

CHAPTER X.

Twelve Cents, Issue of 1861-1868.

Philately seems to have had some uninteresting stamps thrust upon it to remind its devotees that they must study other things than beauty of color, or variety of plates, perforations, or shades. The 12 cent black, issue of 1861-1868, is one of those stamps that a majority of collectors grab quick to fill the vacant place in the album, and then forget that they can go further and add more, and still more, until they have a well filled page.

The collector's bible (the standard catalog) gives three stamps to complete the issue—not including the round-cornered, unfinished, August type. One shade in the September, and two sizes of grilles in the later variety, together with a high-priced re-issue, make up the complement.

The August type is one of very pronounced difference from the one which followed a month later. The historian declares that something like 160,000 of these were printed. Where, oh where, have they disappeared

The August type was printed from plate number 5. It is on that thin, brittle, yellowish white paper, in a shade of gray black. At least so say those who have been fortunate enough to view a copy.

The latter part of September, 1861, the 12 cent stamp, with corners filled out in the way a skilful tailor would make a square shouldered man out of one who was sloped above the elbows. The first printing was in full black. A little later the ink thinned and produced shades of gray black and gray.

The paper also underwent some changes and it is found on thick paper, thin and very thin. The later paper is always, so far as I have seen them, printed in grayish black.

Of these there were printed 7,166,070, including the 160,000 August type. The September stamps were printed from plate 16.

In common with all other denominations, the 12 cent was grilled. The first grille was chronicled in April, 1868, but probably a good many were put on sale before that time. The catalog gives two varieties to collect—sizes 11x13 and 9x13. In connection with this I want to criticise the cataloguer. If the collector is not a specialist he has no interest in two sizes of grilles. If he has outgrown the idea of a general collector, and has studied specializing, then he needs more than these two sizes of grilles to complete his varieties. For when a collector has gathered between the covers of his album two sizes of grilles, he has begun to be a specialist. He needs to go further, and round out his numbers.

Mr. Luff gives the following sizes:

Size.	*Points.*
11x14	14x18
11x13	14x16
9x14	12x18
9x13½	12x17
9x13	12x16

To which I wish to add another size, which reposes safely in my own collection, that of 10x14, with 13x18 points.

During the life of the grilling process there were 3,585,600 stamps printed. But like other denominations it is reasonably certain that some of those which were printed prior to April, 1868, were put through the rollers.

There is no record of any of this denomination being destroyed, and it is probable that all of the 10,000,000 and more were issued to the postoffices.

The Government's display at the Philadelphia Centennial caused this stamp to be "re-issued" and some were sold to the public. But that number was so few, and so great a number were destroyed, that they are quite rare. The re-issue was not, of course, grilled.

The different size grilles come in the different shades noted above, and also on medium and thin paper.

Red and blue cancellations are found, and occasionally one marked "Paid." Green cancellations are rare. Owing to the stamp being black cleaners have used it extensively to remove penmarks. By looking through the stamp at the light the mark left by the pen can usually be seen.

The stamp, overprinted "Specimen" should be collected. Also proofs on India paper and cardboard. Both of these, "Specimen" and proofs, seem destined to be rare and sought after in the very near future.

A check list can be made up from the information contained above.

(*To be continued.*)

A FEW PARCELS POST IDEAS.

By H. F. KOHR.

A new and interesting field for the specialist will be opened with the new issue of parcels post stamps when the law goes into effect January 1. The issues of stamps especially for parcels post use have been few enough up to the present, and the stamps are so cheap, as a rule, that a complete collection will be neither costly nor difficult to obtain. As in the case of the United States parcels post service, where separate issues are provided for by law, the stamps are distinctive in shape and design, and in the case of the French colonies, for instance, rather attractive.

Belgium has made several issues of postal packet stamps, and while they are cheap, lightly cancelled copies are rather uncommon. It usually happens in the United States that stamps affixed to parcels are very heavily cancelled so that undoubtedly, despite the probable plentiness of the stamps in a few months, lightly cancelled copies will bring comparatively good prices, especially in the higher values.

Still another slant for the specialist will be opened up by the new parcels post issue and that will be the special collection of precancelled parcels post stamps. The big mail order houses, especially, will use quantities of these stamps.

Undoubtedly the highest value in the forthcoming parcels post series will be the $1.32 value, which will carry the maximum weight for the maximum distance (11 pounds more than 1,800 miles). The next lowest value probably will be the $1.11 which will carry 11 pounds more than 1,400 miles and less than 1,800 miles.

The present and the previous issues of United States stamps have much to be desired from an artistic standpoint, except in the simplicity of the design of the 1909 series. With the opportunity afforded by the parcels post series, the writer hopes for one, that the postmaster general will adopt Mr. Louis Hill's suggestion and put a little scenery on them.

A friend of the writer suggests that, since the government has twice given the patent medicine makers the privilege of advertising themselves on revenue stamps, the Post Office Department might well give the big mail order houses the privilege of issuing private parcels post stamps. That ought to meet with favor from the specialists.

If the Post Office Department doesn't issue a scenic set, the writer would like to see what might be called a "transportation" set—a postboy, rural carrier, stage coach, wagon train, freight or express train, a steamship, a Mississippi packet, an automobile and a trolley car.

I haven't seen it mentioned yet that the Post Office Department has issued orders that postage due stamps must be cancelled with the regular cancelling stamp, consequently, many fewer fine cancelled copies. All I have seen since the new order, were almost annihilated by a black smudge cancellation.

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EDITORIAL.

A Cartoon—We are pleased to see that the incomparable Briggs, cartoonist on the Chicago *Tribune* again brings stamp collecting into his picture series, "The Days of Real Sport." This time the theme is: "A Hot Sunday Afternoon. (About 4.30.)" Little sister is reading an Elsie book; papa is prone on the grass under the tree in the back yard, dozing away under the cover of a newspaper sheet, with baby toddling about him, unnoticed. Mother is trying to read but one of the two boys, who have looked at their Sunday-school papers and who are restless, even if hot, and pester her with questions, asks: "Ma, kin I go over to Skinny Malloy's house —he wants to show me his stamp collection, kin I?"

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An Aside—In the report of a case in London, wherein a young man charged with approval sheet fraud was before the bar, the following opinion appears as having been voiced by the prosecuting counsel: "One cannot help feeling that the witnesses have themselves invited prisoner to commit these frauds by the careless way they have sent stamps to a person who simply asked for them. In the ordinary course of trade at the present day, one does not get credit unless inquiries are made. I myself could not, but perhaps the prisoner is more imposing than I. If people do this kind of thing they have themselves more or less to thank for the results." As rather cool, the complaining witnesses who were bilked must have regarded the foregoing statement, which is all the more effective as having come from the prosecutor, as we understand it. Yet the words should be pondered and we know human nature well enough to suspect that a successful prosecution of a stamp fraud case is likely only when it is shown that the prisoner achieved the stamps, so to say, and did not have them thrust upon him. A little inquiry before sending the stamps might avoid a lot of annoyance afterwards.

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Where—What has become of the old-fashioned collector who referred to his duplicates as "traders?" Has he gone to join the o. f. c. who liked to fill in his Wurtemburg spaces because Wurtemburg was the last country in the stamp album?

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Died—On the afternoon of September 4th, Frank J. Bescher of Kansas City, Missouri, died suddenly at the Hotel La-Salle, Chicago. Mr. Bescher, after having attended the stamp convention at Springfield and that of the numismatists at Rochester, New York, arrived in Chicago on August 30th, in company with P. M. Wolsieffer, who accompanied Mr. Bescher all the way from Springfield, Mass. The weather was excessively hot and Mr. Bescher decided to rest in his comfortable quarters in Chicago before proceeding to St. Louis, the next objective point in his itinerary. Despite the abnormal heat, the days passed pleasantly for Mr. Bescher, who had many friends and business acquaintances in Chicago. On the evening preceding his death, Mr. Bescher was the guest of Mr. Wolsieffer at his suburban home; and there, Mr. Bescher spoke of a passing indisposition, as he deemed it, that he attributed to the continued heat. On the fourth of September, after a light breakfast, Mr. Bescher started in company with Iver R. Johnson for the Stock Yards. When at the station of the elevated road whose train it was anticipated would afford a cool ride, comparatively, Mr. Johnson noticed that Mr. Bescher looked distressed and consequently, he suggested that the trip be abandoned. Mr. Bescher nodded his acquiescence and the two rode the short distance back to the hotel. When Mr. Bescher's room was gained, Mr. Johnson removed Mr. Bescher's outer garments, with some assistance from Mr. Bescher, and otherwise ministered to his comfort. Temporarily, Mr. Bescher was relieved and was seated in a chair when a convulsion came. Calling in passing assistance, Mr. Johnson immediately secured the services of the house physician. The doctor detected the grave turn the case had taken and worked ceaselessly over the patient who seemed to revive after a time. Without warning a second convulsion became manifest; and a second physician and also a nurse were brought in. Emergency treatment was resorted to but the response of the patient was weak and despite all effort and the best attention from the hotel management that placed all its resources at the disposal of Mr. Bescher, he passed away at about 1.30 P. M. While conscious for some time before his death, Mr. Bescher uttered no word, even though he appreciated the devotion of his faithful friend. The sad news of Mr. Bescher's death was soon known to Mr. Bescher's stamp associates in Chicago; and they constituted themselves as a lodge of sorrow.

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Details—On September fifth, the coroner's inquest on the body of Mr. Bescher was held and it was attended by Mr. Bescher's stamp and coin friends, some of whom had just fraternized with him at the recent conventions. The causes of the death were intestinal complication and heat prostration. Two brothers-in-law from Kansas City were present, and the necessary legal formalities having been complied with, the body was transported to Kansas City for burial. A wreath of immortelles was a tribute from Chicago friends and a floral offering was ordered for delivery at Kansas City.

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Personal—Mr. Bescher who was about forty-two years of age was one of the earliest members of the American Philatelic Society; and through his attendance at many of the conventions had a personal acquaintance with a large number of members. He was the leader in Kansas City philately and so early as 1889 was one of the organizers of the Kansas City Stamp Club; four or five years later, a new society in which Mr. Bescher was an officer was called the Philatelic Society of Kansas City and it became a Branch of the American Philatelic Society. At the time of his death, Mr. Bescher was president of the present local organization at Kansas City, easily the most progressive society than ever before represented the city. Mr. Bescher was just rounding out his thirtieth year as a collector, and while he was a general collector with about eighteen thousand varieties, he had a penchant for United States and stamps on the original covers. He invested heavily in unused Columbians at the time of their issue and the 1847 issue, five and ten-cent were great favorites with him; and needless to say, he had accumulated a brave number of them. His horde of sheets of some of the earlier British colonials as well as a host of other striking stamps are evidence of Mr. Bescher's enjoyment of stamp possession. He was truly a stamp lover and seldom allowed a specimen to leave him through sale although so generous was Mr. Bescher, he sometimes made presents of stamps to beginners and personal friends. Mr. Bescher was large-hearted and a cheery companion who stood forth as one who looked upon stamp collectors pleasantly as well as stamps, themselves. His friends are to be found almost everywhere, his travels having extended to Hawaii, for instance, and their deep grief is proof of their esteem and affection for Mr. Bescher. Mr. Bescher was a commission merchant and since 1890 has conducted his business successfully. He was unmarried, but to his mother and sisters, we extend our condolences. A radiant philatelic light has been quenched.

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THEFT OF MONTENEGRINS.

(The following clipping received the past week from a Western subscriber seems to be of sufficient interest to warrant reprinting the same. We do not recall having recorded the particulars of the alleged theft.—Ed.)

RED LODGE, MONT., Sept. 3.—Wanted for the alleged theft two years ago of $80,000 worth of postage stamps from the postoffice at Cettinje, Montenegro, two Montenegrins were taken into custody at Bear Creek today by a deputy from the sheriff's office. The men arrested are brothers and have been going under the name of Popvitch. Their correct name is said to be Yaboutchanine.

From the correspondence, transmitted from the American legation at Athens to the American secretary of state, and forwarded to the local county authorities through Governor Norris, it appears that the suspected men, following the robbery of the postoffice, made their way to the United States and joined a large colony of Montenegrin coal miners at Bear Creek, where it is alleged they had agents engaged in disposing of the stamps. They conducted a store at Bear Creek until a few months ago.

A search of the cabin occupied by the suspected men revealed, it is said, a number of stamps of the "jubilee" series, corresponding to the stolen stamps. The men were taken before a justice of the peace and their bonds fixed at $40,000, which they were unable to furnish. They will be held to await actions by the Montenegrin government..

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COMMUNICATIONS.

(We do not hold ourselves responsible for the views expressed by our readers. Our columns are always open for communications of general interest.—Ed.)

PRAIRIE DU SAC, WIS., Sept. 5, '12.

TO THE EDITOR:—

While visiting the State Museum at Madison recently, I came across a "Post Office Room," a nice light room which has been *entirely* set aside for stamps, proofs, envelopes and clippings concerning U. S. Post Offices. Here I found among many things, cardboard *proofs* of all the department stamps, 1873 issue, complete, postage due 1879, regular issues from 1847 to 1888, all complete; strips of 5 and 10 of Scott's 207, 211a, etc. (Confed. States). Also the complete set of "specimen" envelopes; and many original covers. While inquiring of Mr. Brown, Chief of Museum, he told me that if he could get enough collectors interested, he would be very much pleased to give a stamp exhibit for several days. Anyone interested can doubtless obtain information from Chas. E. Brown, Chief of Museum, State Historical Society, Madison, Wis.

LOWELL J. RAGATZ.

PHILA., PA., Sept. 6, 1912.

TO THE EDITOR:—

Please publish a warning against our collector friends putting their stamp books into cedar chests for storage.

About a year ago I put some of my books in a cedar chest and the odor of the wood seemed to create some sort of combination with the ink of the stamps. The browns, oranges and red lakes were most affected. The whole face of the stamp in some cases got gummy and seemed to raise up the ink. The action was no respecter of age as it affected my 5c U. S. 1847 the same as the 2c Alaska-Yukon. I soaked the Alaskas to see if water would help but it did not. I will now try benzine, turpentine, alcohol, ether and see what will restore the stamps.

Fortunately it was not my best books that was stored but just some odds and ends. Of course, I should have wrapped each book in oiled silk or rubber sheeting.

The Alaska-Yukon's were sold as a 5c combination in a nickel in the slot vender at Seattle and constitute a very interesting provisional 5c combination. They were in numbered jackets. I have some more that were not gummed.

A READER.

Written for MEKEEL'S WEEKLY.

BROCKPORT, N. Y., PRECANCELS.

By S. M. SCHOEMANN.

Recognizing the rapid increase of precancel collectors in the past twelve months and being desirous of helping those who desire a little more light than that diffused by the recent check list, I have prepared this advanced list of Brockport, N. Y. There are, perhaps, other varieties, but the following list is taken from my collection. I have a number of other varieties consisting of different shaped commas, but as it is a difficult matter to describe them, they are omitted.

Type I. Five horizontal hair lines about 3½ mm. apart.

Type II. Five vertical or horizontal lines about ½ mm. wide and 3½ mm. apart.

Type III. Brockport—N Y in two lines. Horizontal inscription between heavy lines.

Type IV. Brockport, N Y in one line. Horizontal inscription in very small letters between thin lines.

Type V. Same as Type IV except a period after N. and Y.

Type VI. Brockport—New York. In two lines. Horizontal inscription between lines.

Type I. 1c 1890 horizontal.
2c 1890 horizontal.
Type II. 1c 1898 horizontal.
1c 1898 vertical.
1c 1898 vertical double.
2c 1898 vertical.
2c 1898 vertical double.
1c 1902 horizontal.
1c 1902 horizontal double.

Type III. 1c 1902 lines spaced:—
14¼ normal.
14¼ inverted.
14½ normal.
14¾ normal.
14¾ inverted.
15 inverted.
15¼ normal.
15¼ inverted.
15½ inverted.
15¾ normal.
15¾ inverted.
16 normal.
16 inverted.
16 inverted (with N reinverted and 1 mm. below Y).
16¼ inverted.
16¼ inverted double.
16½ normal.
16½ inverted.
16½ inverted double.
16¾ inverted.

Type III. 2c 1903 lines spaced:—
14¼ normal.
14¼ inverted.
14½ normal.
14½ normal double.
14½ inverted.
14½ inverted double.
14¾ inverted.
15 normal.
15 inverted.
15¼ normal.
15½ inverted.
16 normal.
16 inverted.

Type IV. 1c 1902 lines spaced:—
10½ normal, no comma after city.
10½ normal, Brockpcrt, no comma after city.
10½ normal, Brcckport.
10½ normal, T & N, spaced 2 mm.
10½ inverted, T & N, spaced 2 mm.
10½ normal, T & N, spaced 3 mm.
10½ inverted, T & N, spaced 3 mm.
10¾ normal, T & N, spaced 2 mm.
10¾ normal, T & N, spaced 3 mm.
10¾ inverted, T & N, spaced 2 mm.
10¾ inverted, T & N, spaced 3 mm.
11 normal, T & N, spaced 3 mm.
11¼ normal, colon after Y.
11¼ inverted, no comma after city.
11½ normal, Brockpor.
11½ normal, Brockpcrt.
11½ normal, period after city.
11½ normal, Drockport.
11½ normal, T & N, spaced 2 mm.
11½ normal, T & N, spaced 3 mm.
11½ normal double.
11½ inverted T & N, spaced 2 mm.
11½ inverted, T & N, spaced 3 mm.
11¾ normal, period after city.
11¾ normal, T & N, spaced 3 mm.
11¾ inverted.
12 normal, T & N, spaced 2 mm.
12 inverted T & N, spaced 2 mm.
12 inverted, T & N, spaced 2½ mm.
12 inverted, period after city, 1st R of different font.
12¼ normal, Brockpor, T & N, spaced 2 mm.
12¼ normal, no comma after city, T & N, spaced 2½ mm.
12¼ normal, comma and period after city, T & N, spaced 2½ mm.
12¼ inverted, no comma after city.
12½ normal, T & N, spaced 3 mm.
12½ normal, semicolon after city.
12½ normal, no comma after city, T & N, spaced 2 mm.
12½ inverted, T & N, spaced 2 mm.
12½ inverted, T & N, spaced 3 mm.
12½ inverted double.
12¾ normal, T & N, spaced 2 mm.

2c 1903 (same Type):—
10¼ normal.
10½ normal, T & N, spaced 2 mm.
10½ normal, T & N, spaced 3 mm.
11¼ normal, T & N, spaced 2 mm.
11½ normal, T & N, spaced 2 mm.
11½ normal, T & N, spaced 3 mm.
11½ inverted.
11½ inverted, Brokport.
11¾ normal, T & N, spaced 2 mm.
11¾ normal, T & N, spaced 3 mm.
12 normal double.
12 inverted.
12½ normal.
12½ inverted.

3c 1902 (same Type):—
10½ inverted, T & N, spaced 3 mm.
11½ inverted, T & N, spaced 2 mm.
11¾ inverted, T & N, spaced 2 mm.
12½ normal, no comma after city, T & N, spaced 2 mm.
12½ inverted, Brockpont.

1c 1908 (same Type):—
12 normal.

Type V. 1c 1902 lines spaced:—
11¼ normal.
11¼ normal, 1st R. ½ mm. below other letters.
11¼ normal, period after city.
11¼ inverted.
11¼ inverted, period after city.
11½ normal.
11½ normal, 1st R. ½ mm. below other letters.
11½ normal, no comma after city.
11½ inverted.

2c 1903 (same Type):—
11¼ inverted.
11½ normal.

1c 1908 (same Type):—
6½ inverted.
6½ inverted double.
11½ normal.

Type VI. 1c 1908 lines spaced:—
12 normal.
12 normal double.
12 normal double, one diagonally down.
12 inverted.
12½ normal.

SUPPLEMENT.

Type III. 1c normal, spaced 16¼.
Type IV. 1c normal, spaced 12; T & N, spaced 2 mm.

Some "enterprising" owner of a printing press has attempted to "fake" certain Brockport issues. The work is so poorly executed as hardly to dupe the most ignorant tyro.

I will give herewith a description and list of those I have. They are a poor imitation of Type III. Instead of solid lines at top and bottom, they have two lines, like the Philadelphia, Pa., issues. The lines are ½ mm. wide and ½ mm. apart. The spacing between lower top line and upper bottom line is 15½ mm. In the genuine there is neither comma nor periods, but in the fakes, there is a comma after Brockport and periods after N. and Y.

The list follows:— 1895, 1c and 5c normal and 1c inverted; 1898, 1c normal and inverted, 2c normal and inverted, 2c normal, orange red; 1902, 4c normal and inverted, 10c normal and inverted; 1903, 2c normal and inverted.

A Chat With the Advertiser

You are interested possibly in the talk going the rounds as to what papers A. P. S. members really subscribe to. The official organ claims in the vicinity of four hundred A. P. S. subscribers, while the "Stamp Journal's" claim is "as many as MEKEEL'S". We have between one thousand and eleven hundred A. P. S. subscribers, and with this statement we will let the advertiser draw his own conclusions.

Note Mr. Peckitt's venture into the realm of new issues. His advertisement this week will prove of special interest. The firm of Champion & Co. will in the future be known under the firm name of Theodore Champion.

Attention is called to the entrance of three advertisers who have not been with us recently. B. Elmer of 345a Washington St, Boston, Powell of Storm Lake, Iowa, and the Japanese firm of Kobayagawa are with us again for another season.

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I want to buy lots of loose stamps for cash. What have you to sell? H. LEONARD. P. O. Box 785, Jacksonville Fla. [34*

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CHRONICLE OF NEW ISSUES AND VARIETIES

Edited by HENRY A. KIDDER.

Any information regarding new issues will be gratefully received and acknowledged. Address HENRY A. KIDDER, 17 Addison St., Arlington, Mass. Letters calling for a reply should contain a self-addressed, stamped envelope. We cannot give applicants the addresses of our correspondents. Correspondence regarding precancelled stamps must be sent to FRANK B. ELDREDGE, Attleboro, Mass., when due credit will be given in this department.

AUSTRALIA.—A new card is shown us by Mr. Morse of same size, material and stamp as noted in No. 1094, but the reverse is covered with a local view.

Also another without view and of same size, material and stamp, but the headline design is that in use so long for South Australia, only changing "So. Australia" to "Australia" and substituting the local arms for the English.

Post Cards.

1d carmine on white.
1d carmine on white; divided face, view on back.

BELGIUM.—Another value in the new set, with portrait of King Albert has been shown us by the New England Stamp Co., the design being the same as the other values recently chronicled.

Adhesive.

35c pale brown.

BOLIVIA.—Frank C. Davis has shown us a cover from Bolivia, mailed at Tomave, in May, and franked with a stamp we have not been able to place. The value is five centavos, and the design a standing figure of justice, with a naked sword in the right hand, the point resting at the feet, and the left hand holding aloft the balances. At the left is arranged the fasces, surmounted by an eagle. Corinthian pillars at the sides support an arched tablet which bears the inscription, "Republica de Bolivia," the figures of value appearing in the upper corners, superimposed directly upon the lined background. The figures of value appear again in square tablets in the lower corners, with "Cinco Centavos" in two lines between. The stamp appears to have been engraved and printed by the American Bank Note Co., being in that company's style, familiar in South American stamp work.

Adhesive.

5c dark brown.

BULGARIA.—We are indebted to A. W. Dunning for specimens of the Commemorative set chronicled last week.

CHINA.—A new local surcharge has turned up, according to a correspondent of *Ewen's Weekly,* who in turn draws his information from a correspondent in Shanghai. This new overprint was struck on the seven lower values of the Imperial stamps, the work being done locally for the postal authorities at Hwang-do, a town about three miles from Hwang-tu. The overprints were made in two colors, red and black, the latter being of which are extremely rare, as they were only done in very small quantities, said to be not more than five per cent. of the total issue. The quantities printed are reported to have been as follows, including both colors of surcharge: ½c, 1570; 1c, 1570; 2c, 1520; 3c, 1725; 4c, 1510; 5c, 1200; 7c, 320. Information regarding the nature of the surcharge is lacking, excepting that it consisted of four large Chinese characters, printed diagonally in red or black. Presumably the characters were the same as those used in the official surcharge, chronicled some time ago.

GAMBIA.—*Ewen's Weekly* states that the Georgian stamps, which were to have been issued in the Colony Sept. 1, have a new value, 1½d, printed in olive and green.

GIBRALTAR.—The New England Stamp Co. has shown us four of the higher values of the King George set, the lower values of which were chronicled in No. 1130. W. H. Peckitt has also shown us the complete set. All are in the colors of the previous set and are printed on chalky multiple paper.

Adhesives.

2sh violet and blue on blue.
4sh black and red.
8sh violet and green.
1 violet and black on red.

GREAT BRITAIN.—The New England Stamp Co. and W. H. Peckitt have shown us the new 2d value, with portrait of King George, which was issued in London about the 20th of August. Strangely enough the Home Postoffice authorities have themselves been the first to depart from the universal color scheme imposed on the Colonies, the new stamp being in orange, somewhat lighter in shade than the current 4d Edwardian stamp. This indicates a change also in the color of the 4d value. The design is a tremendous improvement over the ½d and 1d values, the portrait being that in use on the latest issues of Colonial stamps, a profile view with the King's face turned to the left. The wreath, with the crown coming to the top frame line, and bows of the ribbon with which it is tied fill the upper corners. The wreath is conventional, with laurel at the left and oak at the right. The ribbon is continued down the sides and at the bottom below the portrait is formed into a bow, on which is printed the words, "Postage" and "Revenue." Octagon shields in the corners below the portrait oval contain the figures of value, while the value in words is printed on a tablet running across the bottom of the stamp. This value is printed on the watermarked paper, showing a very small crown above large script letters, "G R", arranged in multiple form, very close together vertically, and horizontally so as to show one vertical row of the watermark emblems on each vertical row of stamps. The perforation is 14½x14. There is really very little to criticize in this stamp, except that the perforating is not yet up to the De La Rue standard.

Adhesive.

2d orange.

MOZAMBIQUE CO.—Mr. Morse has received the 20r card (Senf No. 16) with local overprint "Republica" over the stamp but reading oblique downward. The type is smaller than the previously noted overprints being only 19 mm. long instead of 24 mm.

Post Card.

20r gray-lilac and bright green on buff.

NEWFOUNDLAND.—A. C. Roessler has shown us an unused block of six stamps of the 15c value in the current Royal Family set, in imperforate condition, but we are not informed as to the reason for the issue, nor the conditions under which they were received from Newfoundland.

PAPUA.—We have received from W. H. Peckitt the 1sh value of the current set in a single color, printed on paper watermarked Crown A sideways.

Adhesive.

1sh yellow.

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.—W. H. Peckitt has shown us the 1c King Edward stamp in a new shade, deep blue green.

Johore.—W. H. Peckitt has shown us the 1c, 5c and 25c values on chalky paper, watermarked multiple flower or quatrefoil.

TIBET.—A Glasgow paper is informed that Tibet is shortly to be provided with a distinctive postage stamp issue in place of the overprinted Chinese stamps, recently withdrawn from sale. The necessary dies, etc., are said to have been manufactured in India, and the stamps will be brought into use on the return of the Dalai Lama to Lahassa.

NEWS GLEANINGS.

—"Apparently the supply of the one centavo Peru present issue (Scott's No. 177) has become exhausted. I have just received a parcel from a private source on which part of the postage was prepaid with a five centavos regular issue and two one centavo official stamps of the present issue (Scott's No. 371). This same condition obtained in 1897 when the one centavo official (Scott's No. 367) was used to prepay the postage on ordinary mail matter, the one centavo postage (Scott's No. 141) having become exhausted."—*Al de la Torre Bueno.*

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*Cayman, George, ½, 2d, 2sh	.62
*India, George, ¼, 1, 2, 3	.20
*Seychelles, George, 2c and 15c	.08
*Morocco Agencies, George, 10c	.03
*Canada, George, 1, 2, 5, 7, 10, 20c	.51
*Gilbert & Ellice, Screw-pine, ½, 1, 2, 2½	.30
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POSTAGE STAMPS OF THE NEW HEBRIDES CONDOMINIUM.

By D. B. Armstrong.

The islands of the New Hebrides group, some thirty in number, lie to the North-East of the French colony of New Caledonia, in the Western Pacific, 1700 miles from Sydney, N.S.W., between latitude 12-20 South, and longitude 165-167 East. They extend from North-West to South-East for 700 miles in a long continuous chain, the principal islands being Efate or Sandwich Island, Espiritu du Santo, Mallicolo, Aurora, Pentecost, Ambrym, Epi, Tanna, and Erromango. They are of volcanic origin and are densely wooded, the soil being rich and fertile. Their climate is moist and tropical, and unhealthly for Europeans, and the rainfall is heavy.

The total area of the group amounts to about 5,000 square miles, and the native population, composed of both Melanesians and Polynesians, to 100,000; ten of the islands being uninhabited. The European community, made up of traders, officials and missionaries, numbers between six and seven hundred persons, two-thirds being of French origin. Most of the indigenous products of the Southern Seas are cultivated and exported in large quantities, including copra, bananas, tobacco, coffee, cocoa, timber, sugar, india-rubber, sandalwood and tortoiseshell, the value of the total exports during 1904 being £43,000, and of the imports £54,777.

Port Vila, or Franceville, on the Southern shore of the island of Efate, is the principal settlement, whilst Port Sandwich, or Mallicolo, is the next in importance. There are a number of other stations and settlements, but with the exception of the two named none is of any considerable size.

The islands are in regular communication with Sydney, New South Wales, and Noumea, New Caledonia, by French and British steamship lines plying between Port Villa and those ports.

The political history of the islands has been a somewhat chequered one. They were discovered on April 30th, 1606, by a young Spanish officer, named Pedro Hernandez de Quiros, whilst on an expedition to find the fabled Land of Ophir. Touching at the island of Espiritu du Santo, he believed that he had reached his journey's end, and attempted to form a settlement there, but owing to the mutinous attitude of his troops this proved abortive, and he was compelled to return to Lima without having attained his object.

Rather more than 100 years later the group was re-discovered by Admiral Philip Carteret, of the British Navy, who was surveying in the district in his vessel the "Swallow." By him the island of Mallicolo was re-named Sandwich Island. He was closely followed in 1768 by the intrepid French explorer de Bougainville, who gave his name to the strait which separates the islands of Espiritu du Santo and Mallicolo. Subsequently they were visited and thoroughly explored by the "Australian Columbus," Captain Cook, from whom they received the title New Hebrides, after the Hebrides Islands off the Scottish Coast.

The earliest settlers appear to have come from Australia in the 'sixties or 'seventies of the last century, and to-day it is claimed in Australia that since the group forms a geographical appendage of their continent, it is the natural inheritance of the Australian people. France, however, early cast covetous eyes upon these fertile islands, and as far back as 1875 the Governor of New Caledonia attempted to induce the British settlers on Tanna and Efate to accept the protection of the tricolour; but without success.

This action led to an exchange of notes between Downing Street and the Quai d'Orsai, resulting in an international agreement, which was signed on February, 1878, declaring that the New Hebrides (including the Banks and Torres Islands) were neutral ground. In Australia the French designs on the New Hebrides continued to be regarded with suspicion, and H. M. Government was repeatedly urged to declare a British Protectorate over the group; this, however, they did not see their way to do.

A native rising, in which some settlers were murdered, occurring in 1886, was made an excuse for the dispatch of a French military force to the Islands, which step was taken by the Governor of New Caledonia without the knowledge of the home authorities. In England and Australia this action gave rise to the strongest resentment, being regarded as a further attempt at annexation. Representations were made to Paris on the subject and eventually a fresh Treaty was drafted and signed by both Powers on October 24th, 1887, setting forth in a series of five clauses the basis of the future administration of the Islands. It provided for the appointment of a joint Commission of British and French naval officers on the Pacific station, which was entrusted with the preservation of law and order in the group, and the protection of the life and property of the settlers. Both nations were to enjoy equal rights and privileges. It was further agreed that on the ratification of this Treaty the French troops should be withdrawn from the islands of Mallicolo and Efate. The Convention came into effect on January 26th, 1888, the Commission being duly appointed and its sphere of activity clearly defined. The necessary steps were at once to be taken to suppress any danger threatening the lives or property of the settlers that might arise, but no officer of either Power was to take action upon his own responsibility except in circumstances of the greatest urgency. Military assistance would be afforded at the unanimous request of the Commission, but the troops were not to remain in the Islands longer than their services were actually required for the preservation of the peace.

The Commission was also given full power to settle any disputes as to land titles and differences between settlers and the native inhabitants.

The very elastic powers conferred upon this Commission did not meet with the approval of the settlers, and on August 9th, 1889, the inhabitants of Port Vila proclaimed an independent republic. This *coup d'etat* gave rise to considerable consternation, both in London and Paris, and Great Britain replied to the colonists' action by sending a Consul to Port Vila. The presence of this official was, however, objected to by the French Government as a violation of the Convention of 1888, and accordingly, after many delays, the British Consul was withdrawn in February 1890, and normal conditions were restored. A Pacific Order in Council of March 15th, 1893, settled the *status quo* of the British subjects resident in the New Hebrides and other islands of the Western Pacific, and a similar document, emanating from the French Foreign Office, appeared under date of February 26th, 1901. Some years previous the Governor of the Fiji had been appointed British High Commissioner for the Western Pacific, and by the Gallic Ordinance of 1900 the Governor of New Caledonia was given similar control over the French interests in the South Seas. In 1902 British and French Residents were appointed to the New Hebrides.

The somewhat unsatisfactory arrangements made under the Convention of 1888 continued in force until the year 1904, when a further interchange of views took place between London and Paris, culminating in a new Treaty signed on October 20th, 1906, by which the Islands (inclusive of the Banks and Torres group) were created a permanent Condominium, under the joint control of Great Britain and France, wherein the subjects of both nations were entitled to equal rights and privileges. This Treaty provided for the appointment of French and British Resident Commissioners, who were to co-operate in organising the Islands' government. Article V. of the Convention stated that—

Public Services undertaken in Common.

(1) The following public services shall be undertaken in common, police, posts and telegraphs, public works, ports and harbours, buoys and lighthouses, public health, finance.

(2) These public services shall be organized and directed by the High Commissioners and their Delegates conjointly.

(3) Special postage stamps shall be issued for the New Hebrides, in conformity with the International Postal Convention.

(4) English and French money and bank notes, authorized by either Power, shall be legal tender in the group.

The seat of administration was to be established at Port Vila, where the Commissioners of both Powers were to reside. For the maintenance of law and order a detachment of International Constabulary was to be raised, composed half of British and half of French subjects. Justice was to be administered by a tribunal composed of three judges, one appointed by each of the signatories, and a third, to act as arbitrator, who was to be nominated by the King of Spain. The sale of arms, ammunition and intoxicating liquor to the natives was expressly forbidden.

From accounts, the Condominium does not appear to be working as well as might be desired. French interests predominate in the group, and French capital and French labour practically control the Islands' trade. The British and French Commissioners do not seem to be able to work harmoniously together, and the position of the British residents is said to be most unsatisfactory.

In Australia there is considerable agitation for the definite transfer of the control of the group to one or other of the two nations. The New Hebrides question is therefore far from settled, and the ultimate fate of the Islands is still on the knees of the gods.

(*To be continued.*)

VICTORIA PROVISIONAL OBSOLETE.

Mr. Reid advises us that the Victoria "ONE PENNY" provisional is already obsolete and that he is unable to fill any further orders for the same. Subscribers who have ordered this premium will be sent the cover showing stamps of the six different Australian colonies.

The Boston Philatelic Society.

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The 276th (regular) meeting of the Society will be held at the Club Room on Tuesday evening, September 17th, at 7.30 o'clock.

As this is the first meeting of the season, let all the members possible come in and tell us of their summer experiences. Those who didn't go will be glad to hear about the A. P. S. Convention at Springfield, for one thing.

Next month will be a recruiting meeting with a special program. If you have a friend that's interested be sure and bring him to the October 15th meeting.

C. A. Howes, Sec.

WITH THE BOY PHILATELIST.

Edited by BERTRAM W. H. POOLE, Box 231, Altadena, Calif.

We propose to insert upon this page matter that will be of interest to the boy collector. Some two thousand boys are now on our mailing list and it is our desire to come closely in contact with them in such a manner as will be most helpful. Any information desired will be cheerfully rendered through these columns. Do not submit stamps for examination.

THE BEGINNERS' GUIDE.

Bogus Stamps.

I frequently get letters from readers asking me to identify stamps they cannot find illustrated or described in Scott's catalogue. Generally these are German locals but sometimes they are "bogus" stamps such as the Sedang and U. S. "Army Frank" labels described in previous issues. Bogus stamps are frauds, pure and simple, issued solely with the idea of deceiving stamp collectors. They may be (1) imitations of some genuine stamp printed in a color, or with a value and inscription, that never had any official existence, or (2) they may be labels purporting to be legitimate postage stamps of some mythical country or of some small state that has never had a bona-fide issue. The majority of these frauds evidently had but a limited circulation though the Sedangs must have been fairly well distributed, judging by the frequency with which they turn up in collections made about twenty years ago.

In 1894 stamp collectors received with a good deal of surprise and distrust a new issue of stamps for the "Principality of Trinidad." The labels showed a view of an island with a pleasure yacht in the foreground, and they were inscribed "Timbre-Poste et Fiscal Principalité de Trinidad." These were issued by an adventurer posing as Prince James I of Trinidad, though his real name was the more prosaic one of Harden Hinckley. He annexed, in his own mind at any rate, the little island of Trinidad situated 50 miles from the coast of Brazil and kindly supplied it with postage stamps. Unfortunately for him, however, as the island is but a barren uninhabited rock, his scheme to swindle philatelists failed utterly.

Another fictitious set was issued for Clipperton Island in 1895. This small island off the Californian coast belongs, of course, to Uncle Sam and as this fact was soon known these "stamps" also failed to find a sympathetic market.

But of all the would-be stamp issuers certain enterprising individuals associated with the so-called "Republic of Counani" are the most persistent. Certainly, but for periodical attempts to foist stamps on the market, the name of Counani would be unknown and. as it is, careful search reveals no mention of it in any ordinary work of reference. It is said that this miniature republic is hidden away between Brazil and French Guiana and has been claimed by both France and Brazil. In 1893 attempts were made in Europe to find a sale for an alleged new issue of Counanian stamps and the individuals responsible for the creations stated that other stamps had been issued and used by Counani since 1887. Collectors and dealers were *very* skeptical so the issue did not take place. Nothing daunted, however, another attempt was made to float the stamps in 1900 but this was equally unsuccessful. Then the gentleman who styled himself the "Secretaire aux Postes et Communications" of this mysterious state decided to lie low for a while. In October, 1904, he favored most of the leading dealers in England, France, and Germany with an imposing looking document signed by "Cte. Ch. de Douhet de Manderand" stating that the postal service of Counani had been entirely reorganised and a regular service instituted to Europe via French Guiana. The proposed stamps were to consist of five values for postage, five for official use, and one for fiscal purposes. At the same time certain dealers were "favored" with a circular letter from a Mr. H. G. Tichener couched in the following terms:—

"In virtue of a contract I have made with the Government of the Free State of Counani, the exclusive right for the sale of postage stamps and fiscal stamps of this state has been reserved to me, apart from the postoffices. A new series will be issued very shortly, and I shall be glad to know whether you are likely to become a purchaser of Counani stamps; and, in such case, will you kindly let me know the approximate number you could dispose of so that I may make my arrangements accordingly?

"If necessary, I should be willing to grant you the exclusive privilege for this country upon satisfactory terms; but, in any event, I shall be able to supply you with new Counani stamps at 10% discount from face value.

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But still the philatelic public remained coldly unresponsive and Mr. Tichener's "arrangements" must have been upset for the labels never came on the market.

Now, eight years later, another attempt is to be made to foist these precious labels on stamp collectors if a paragraph in the *Stampster* is correct. This contemporary, quoting from a Spanish journal, states that according to the "consul of the republic" the "use of stamps is compulsory." The set consists of five values all of similar design. This consists of a large star on a shield enclosed by a laurel wreath. The values are in centimes and franc and the only inscription is "Counani Postes." If I remember rightly these must be the old friends of 1904 and it will be interesting to watch whether Spain will accept what England, France, and Germany have already rejected.

SHORT REPLIES.

R. A. C. (Oak Lane, Pa.).—I am sorry I cannot recall having seen any description of the designs of the last issue of Greek stamps. Perhaps some reader can oblige with this information.

J. F. W. (Townsend, Mass.).—You are mistaken in thinking the peso of Guatemala is equal in value to the dollar of the U. S. A. The peso varies in value from time to time and at the present moment I believe it is not worth more than 20c U. S. (2) Cape of Good Hope is the correct name for this British colony.

J. J. G. (Buffalo, N. Y.).—The "thunderbolts" on the Russian stamps are small dart or arrow shaped marks drawn across the posthorns at the base of the Arms, in a diagonal direction.

A CURIOUS COMBINATION.

By Frank E. Goodwin.

Away back in the late winter of 1862 there were troublesome times in Kentucky. The Blue Grass State was the buffer between the forces of the warring North and South, and mail facilities were of the worst. Kentucky's good citizens wrote letters only as often as necessity compelled, and there was not always assurance that the letters would soon reach their intended destination, if in fact, they ever did find security in the hands of the persons to whom they were addressed.

Postmasters found it difficult to secure supplies of postage stamps from Washington. It was often the case that postmasters would be compelled to borrow or buy stamps from neighboring officials, until their own supplies could reach them from the postoffice department in the capital city.

In the latter part of February, 1862, the postmaster at Frankfort, Kentucky, found himself very short of one cent stamps, and with no three centers. His order for stamps mailed to Washington several weeks before had not been filled and the gentleman in charge of the mails of Frankfort—a Mr. Gardner I understand his name was—was put to his wits' ends to supply the even meager demand at that time for stamps. There were then no "Two Cent Jacksons" which could be used in combination with the one centers, and six cent stamps had not come into being. To give each patron of the postoffice three stamps of the denomination of one cent for each letter mailed would soon exhaust the supply of available stamps in the Frankfort postoffice.

It was a critical condition in the affairs of the postoffice at Frankfort, and no doubt the postmaster and his aid were sorely puzzled what to do to be on the safe side until the belated supply of stamps arrived from Washington. When that would be there were no means of knowing, or even guessing.

Finally a scheme was hit upon—a scheme that was not just according to the rules of the postal department, but one which the postmaster believed he would suffer no evil consequences from, if he was called upon to explain.

There was a supply of two cent Bank Check revenue stamps in the postoffice, and one of these, together with a regular one cent postage stamp, would prove that the mailer of a letter had paid the necessary three cents postage on each letter written. So it happened that a two cent Bank Check revenue was used for postage, and copies of this combination are occasionally found in the correspondence which went out of Frankfort on the dates between February 22 and 18, 1863.

While perhaps of no great philatelic value these combinations have considerable interest, and I am certain that as they formed a sort of provisional issue they might be with propriety given a place in the collection of a specialist. This is especially true, inasmuch as the stamps designed for use for revenue only, were used postally as a matter of necessity, and not by way of experiment or accident.

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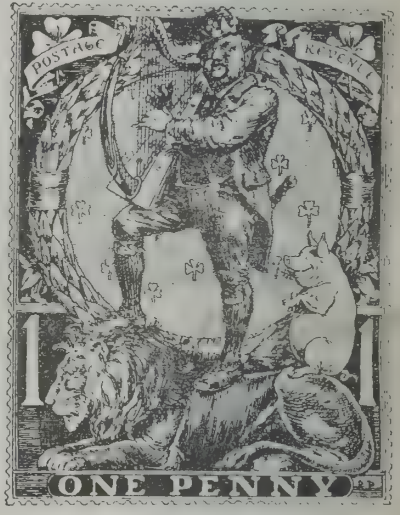

A SUGGESTED DESIGN.

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(The writer would like to secure specimens of all future aeroplane cancellations. They may be sent to him in care of Mekeel's Weekly.)

Although the honor of having the first aeroplane cancellation belongs to Great Britain and German philatelists are delighted with the honor of having the first aeroplane stamp, yet the development of the aeroplane mail has been rapid in this country. At many meets, held all over the country, from New York to California, mail has been carried by the bird-men and as a result, many aeroplane cancellations have appeared. To assemble these aeroplane cancellations is no small stunt. The writer has tried it and knows whereof he speaks. Yet to the collector of cancellations, the result is worth the effort, for these cancellations are very interesting.

In an article on "Aerial Postmarks" which I wrote for this paper March 9, 1912, eight aeroplane cancellations were mentioned. Since then many others have appeared. At present, there are twenty-three aeroplane cancellations to be looked for.

The facts about the aviation meets, the aviators and the aeroplane cancellations are as follows:

No. 1—Garden City Estates, N. Y.

The first United States aeroplane cancellation was used at the International Aviation Meet, which was held on the Nassau Boulevard, Long Island, N. Y., Sept. 23 to October 1, 1911. This cancellation was the result of the interest taken by Postmaster General Hitchcock in the success of the First British Flying Mail, he arranging with the promoters of the above mentioned meet for the carrying of mail. The first aviator to carry mail was Earl F. Ovington, who won the great Boston-Nashua-Worcester-Providence-Boston race at the Squantum Aviation Field, Labor Day, 1911. Mail was carried from the special postoffice on the field to the regular postoffice at Mineola, N. Y. Some eighteen or twenty letter boxes were placed about the field and the mail was collected by a regular carrier attached to the Brooklyn postoffice.

On the second day of the meet, 6,165 cards, 781 letters and 85 papers were carried by aviator Ovington. The count of mail carried the first day was unfortunately lost.

The letters and postal cards were cancelled in black ink. The postmark was circular in shape. At the top, were the words "Aeroplane Station No. 1." In the center, was the date. At the bottom, were the words "Garden City Estates, N. Y." The cancellation consisted of four wide, black lines, one-eighth of an inch in thickness. At the left of the postmark, in large letters, was stamped "Aerial Special Despatch."

No. 2—St. Louis, Mo.

Three days later, the second aeroplane cancellation made its appearance. It came from St. Louis, Mo., from an aviation meet held at Kinloch Field and Fairground Park, October 4 to October 9, 1911. Aviator Walter Brookins, flying a Wright Biplane, carried mail for a distance of twelve miles, the greatest distance that mail had ever been carried in this country. So great was the demand for aeroplane cancellations by the St. Louis collectors that Brookins' flights were soon restricted to the length of the field in order that he might keep up with the mail collections. On his first flight, Brookins carried 6,000 pieces of mail matter. Stations were established at each end of the field and mail was collected every forty-five minutes.

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No. 3—Rochester, N. Y.

On October 21, 1911, at Rochester, N. Y., the third aeroplane cancellation came to light when aviator Lincoln Beachey, probably the most daring aviator in the game today, gave an exhibition flight and carried mail at Crittenden Park. This park is used as a race track. Beachey made two flights, and as the meet lasted but one day, naturally the Rochester "aero" cancellation is a hard one to get hold of.

The postmark was circular in shape. At the top were the words "Aeroplane Station No. 1." In the center was the date, "Oct. 21 1911." At the bottom were the words "Rochester, N. Y." The cancellation consisted of four long, wide lines, about two inches in length and one-eighth of an inch in thickness. The cancellation lines in the first two aeroplane cancellations were one inch in length. In the center of the cancellation were the words "Crittenden Park Station." Beachey carried mail from the park, which is just outside of the Rochester city limits, to a point within the city, about a mile from the starting point. Here the mail was carried by automobiles to the main postoffice where it was distributed.

No. 4—Fort Smith, Ark.

The fourth aeroplane cancellation came from Fort Smith, Arkansas and was in use but one day, November 6, 1911. This is another "hard-to-get" "aero". Aviators Lincoln Beachey and Beckwith Havens gave a demonstration in a hydro-aeroplane starting from the aviation field, outside of the town, to the main postoffice, in the town, a distance of about five miles. This aeroplane cancellation was much different from the others. The letters and postal cards were cancelled with six heavy horizontal lines. At the left of the cancellation in five horizontal lines, were the words "Aeroplane Mail Service, League Park Station, Fort Smith, Ark., November 6, 1911."

No. 5—Savannah, Ga.

The fifth aeroplane cancellation came from an aviation meet held at the Athletic Park, Savannah, Ga., November 25 to November 29, 1911. The aviator was Beckwith Havens. Although the meet lasted five days, mail was carried but two days, November 25 and November 28. Havens carried mail from a special postoffice on the field to Waters Road, where he dropped it. The distance was about three-quarters of a mile. After the mail had been dropped, it was taken in an automobile to the postoffice, about two miles beyond. Both the aeroplane postmark and cancellation were in blue ink. The postmark consisted of a double circle at the top of which were the words "Aerial Sub Station". In the center were the words "Athletic Park" and the date. At the bottom were the words "Savannah, Ga." The cancellation consisted of six thin lines, about two and one-half inches in length. At the top, over the lines, in medium sized type, were the words "Aeroplane Mail Service."

No. 6—Columbus, Ga.

The sixth aeroplane cancellation also comes from the State of Georgia and was used at a meet held at the Columbus Driving Park, Columbus, Ga., December 12 and 13, 1911. The mail was carried by aviators Godet and Walsh in a Curtiss machine. The mail was taken up from the park and after a wide circle of about two miles had been made, was dropped at a spot outside the grounds, where it was picked up and carried in an automobile to the postoffice. Both the postmark and cancellation were in bright reddish purple ink. The postmark was circular in shape, much smaller than others previously used. At the top, were the words "Aerial Sub Station." In the center, were the words, "Driving Park" and the date. At the bottom, were the words "Columbus, Ga." The cancellation consisted of eight long thin lines, each two and one half inches in length. Over the lines in medium sized type were the words "Aeroplane Mail Service." Excepting the size of the postmark circle, this cancellation was very much like that used at Savannah.

No. 7—Wilmington, N. C.

The seventh aeroplane cancellation also comes from the South, being used at a meet held at Highwood Park, Wilmington, N. C., January 1 and 2, 1912. Aviator Walter Brookins, the daring Wright biplane operator, who also carried mail at the St. Louis meet, was the aerial mailman. Although the meet was held two days mail was only carried on the first day, a fact that makes this "aero" one of the hard-to-get variety. Brookins carried the mail from the field to a cross road, about three miles distant, where he dropped it. It was taken in an automobile to the postoffice. The mail was dropped from a height of about 500 feet. Both the postmark and cancellation were in black ink. The postmark was circular in shape and was like those of Savannah and Columbus, Ga. At the top were the words "Aerial Sub Station." In the center were the words "Highwood Park" and the date. At the bottom, were the words "Wilimington, N. C." The cancellation consisted of eight lines, one and 5-16 inches in length and 1-16 of an inch in thickness. The words "Aeroplane Mail Service" in large black letters, were printed over the lines and across the stamp or postal card.

No. 8—Los Angeles, Cal.

The eighth aeroplane cancellation comes from California, it being the first to come from that state. This cancellation of which there are three distinct types, was used at a meet held at Dominguez Field, Los Angeles, Cal., January 20 to 28, 1912. The first bird-man to carry mail was Glenn Martin. All of the three types of cancellations used at this meet were in black ink. The types were as follows:

Type 1—Postmark, almost oval shaped, and small. At the top were the words, "Los Angeles, Cal." In the center was the date. At the bottom, were the words, "Aviation Station." At the sides of the postmark was a small star. The cancellation consisted of five wavy lines in the center of which were the words "Aviation Field." The type used in the postmark and the cancellation was small.

Type 2—Same as above, except that the cancellation consisted of six wavy lines, with no printing between them.

Type 3—Postmark was a large circle. At the top, were the words "Aeroplane Station." In the center was the date. At the bottom were the words "Los Angeles, Cal." The cancellation consisted of four heavy lines, one-eighth of an inch wide. Printed on the second and third lines were the words "Dominguez Field."

On some of the specimens that I have obtained, at the left, is printed, in reddish purple ink "This piece of mail was carried from Aviation Field Postal Station to nearest regular Postoffice at Compton, California."

No. 9—Oakland, Cal.

The ninth aeroplane cancellation is Track, Emeryville, Cal., a small town meet was held at the Emeryville Race Track, Emeryville, Cal; a small town which is bounded on three sides by the city of Oakland. The aviation meet was held February 17 to February 25, 1912. Farnham Fish, the boy aviator, was the aerial mail carrier. The mail service was in use during the entire nine days of the meet. The mail was carried from the special postoffice on the field to the main postoffice, 17th street and Broadway, Oakland, a distance of about 2½ miles. The aeroplane cancellation used at this meet was different from all others previously used. The cancellation was in black ink and consisted of four medium wide lines, the top and bottom lines being one inch in length. The second and third lines were broken and in the center of the broken lines were the words "Aviation Field." The postmark was circular in shape. At the top, were the words "Aeroplane Station." In the center was the date. At the bottom were the words "Oakland, Cal."

No. 10—Sacramento, Cal.

The tenth aeroplane cancellation comes from Sacramento, Cal., making the third to come from the State of California. An aviation meet was held there Saturday and Sunday, March 2 and 3, 1912. Aviator Phil Parmalee, who was later killed was the bird-man who carried the mail. From a special postoffice on the aviation field, mail was carried to Oak Park, a suburb of Sacramento. Both the postmark and the cancellation were in black ink. The postmark was a double circle. At the top, were the words "Aviation Station." In the center was the date. At the bottom were the words "Sacramento, Cal." The cancellation was similar to that used at the Oakland meet. It consisted of four wide black lines, 1 3-16 inches in length. The second and third lines were broken, and in the center space thus made were the words "Aviation Field."

No. 11—Baton Rouge, La.

The eleventh aeroplane cancellation comes from the State of Louisiana. An aviation meet was held at the State University Athletic Field, New Orleans, April 10, 1912. Aviator George Mestache made a flight from the field to Baton Rouge, La., a distance of 90 miles, the longest flight ever made, carrying

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mail. Upon making a landing at Baton Rouge, Mestache damaged his aeroplane and the meet, which was scheduled for the following day, was off. Had Mestache alighted safely, he was to have made a flight from Baton Rouge to New Orleans. Had this been done, New Orleans would have had an aeroplane cancellation, as it was planned to have Mestache carry mail on his return flight. The aeroplane cancellation was in blue ink and was quite novel. It consisted of a flag design, with four stars in the upper right hand corner, in a small square; four stripes at the top and three stripes at the bottom of the flag. In the center of the flag were the words "U. S. Aerial Mail Service." The regular Baton Rouge postmark was also used as well as the wavy-lines flag cancellation which is in use at present.

No. 12—Altoona, Pa.

The twelfth aeroplane cancellation comes from the State of Pennsylvania, and was used at an aviation meet held at Altoona, Pa., Saturday afternoon, May 18, 1912. Aviator Walter Brookins for the third time one of the Wright flyers was an aerial mail carrier. Both the postmark and the cancellation were in reddish purple ink. The postmark was circular in shape. At the top were the words "Aerial Post Office No. 1." In the center was the date and at the bottom were the words "Altoona, Pa." Two small stars were at the sides of the postmark. The cancellation consisted of seven wavy lines and was joined to the right side of the postmark.

N. H. Almost Gets One.

New Hampshire came very near having an aeroplane cancellation to add to the list, on May 30, 1912. At the automobile races held at Rockingham Park, Salem Depot, N. H., aviator Lincoln Beachey, the most daring of all the manbirds was scheduled to make a flight from the park of Lawrence, Mass. No special aeroplane cancellation was provided by the post office authorities but the promoters of the races put on sale souvenir postal cards with an aeroplane cancellation printed or stamped upon them. The weather was stormy, Beachey made a few trips in the air, but no mail was carried. The automobile races were postponed until Saturday June 8 but no aviation features were provided, as Beachey was engaged elsewhere.

(To be continued.)

AT AUCTION—THE LEE COLLECTION

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This fine collection, once the property of the late R P. Lee of New York, comprising some 18,000 varieties and including many blocks of four and parts of sheets as well as a superb lot of single stamps, will be sold as above, and upon later dates. Part I comprises the United States and General foreign from the letters A to G. The catalogues are out. If you have not received one, write for it.

Other sales booked for Nov. 29 and 30 and Dec. 13 and 14.

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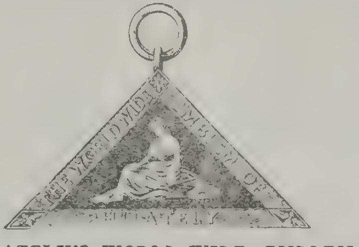

PHILATELY'S WORLD-WIDE EMBLEM.

The above cut shows a new charm or "emblem" as it is called, to be worn by stamp collectors and thus enable them to be recognized by a fellow-devotee of philately. It is manufactured by an English firm and will no doubt be stocked by American dealers. We feel that our subscribers will be sufficiently interested in this emblem to picture it in the WEEKLY.

NEWS GLEANINGS.

Under this heading we desire to publish all the news from the various philatelic centers Correspondents' names will be given unless prohibited as we desire to give full credit for services rendered.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from Edw. E. Swain, F. W. Lynes (2), Geo. C. Hale, Jr., Fred Dahlberg, John Jacobs, Arthur K. Roberts and E. W. Bridge.

—C. R. Godby, Atlantic, Iowa, sends us a clipping from a local paper describing a display of stamps the property of Mr. Godby that is attracting considerable local attention. Stamp collectors could render much service in stimulating an interest in our hobby by following Mr. Godby's example.

—We are promised a new aeroplane postmark in connection with a state fair to be held near Springfield, Ill., October 4-5. Geo. C. Hale, Jr. sends us a clipping in relation to the same.

—Work is being prosecuted on the Panama-Pacific Exposition stamps. They will appear January 1, 1913.

—The Smith Stamp Exchange formerly of 1007 E. 60 St., Chicago, Ill., has removed to 6251 Drexel Ave., the same city.

—C. F. Rothfuchs, renewing his subscription for two years, writes that Mrs. Rothfuchs is recovering from the effects of her broken arm, and in this their many friends will rejoice.

—We have received from B. Max Mehl the illustrated catalog of his 20th auction sale, to be held Saturday, Sept. 28. The collection of Robert E. French, Oakland, Cal., consisting of rare coins and currency will be sold. We note many rare U. S. and foreign gold and silver coins, cents and half-cents and fractional currency including eight complete sheets.

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COMING AUCTION SALES.

(For the benefit of our advertisers as well as subscribers we shall keep all sales posted and desire early receipt of catalogs that dates may be promptly entered)

Sept. 26.—B. L. Drew and Co., 24 Hayward Pl., Boston, two properties of U. S. and foreign belonging to C. B. Bostwick, N. Y. City, and A. R. Butler, M. D., Washington, D. C.

Sept. 28.—Eugene Klein will sell a collection of U. S. and foreign including Iceland and Panama specialized. Place of sale, 1519 Chestnut St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Sept 28.—Collection of rare coins and currency the property of Robert E. French, Oakland, Cal., by B. Max Mehl, Fort Worth, Texas. Rare U. S. and foreign gold and silver coins. Fractional currency in complete sheets.

Oct. 18-19.—R. P. Lee collection of U. S. and foreign stamps by Philadelphia Stamp Co.

Oct. 30.—B. L. Drew & Co., Boston, a "20th Century" sale.

NEW STAMPS FOR THIBET.

The Dalai Lama of Tibet is about to issue postage stamps for that country, which until recent years has been a complete stranger to post-office facilities as known to the Western world. W. T. Wilson, the well-known Birmingham dealer, who has frequently given evidence of being extremely well informed as to movements in stamp issues out East, has shown us a complete sheet of twelve of the 1 anna purple stamp, presumably one of the series the Dalai Lama is about to issue.

The stamp itself is a weird and wonderful production, suggestive in its character of the most crude of the emissions of the native feudatory States of India. In the centre, on an uncoloured circular ground, is a mysterious-looking beast, which is identified as the white mountain lion of Tibet.

The white lion is reminscent only in name to that albino creature on Die I. of the Georgian penny stamps of Great Britain; it is enclosed within a broad circular band of colour, on which are native and English inscriptions:—

PODSHUNG
TIBET POSTAGE
YIG-THE-HU KHA-KANG

which native portions being interpreted read: POD = Tibet, SHUNG = Government, YIG = letter, THE-HU = postage or stamp, KHA = anna, KANG = one.

The spandrel devices are copied from those of the 1 anna stamp of India, and we are informed that it is proposed to copy the ornamentation of the Indian ½ anna for the ½ anna Tibet, and of other Indian values for the respective denominations in the Tibetan series.

The values already in preparation or contemplated are the KHA-CHE (half-anna), the KAR-NGA (two annas) and SHO-KANG (four annas).

Mr. Wilson states that his correspondent, who received the sheet from the very highest quarters in Tibet, adds that he hardly thinks the stamps will ever get to issue, and if they do they certainly cannot last long.—*Postage Stamp.*

THE BERNICHON SALE.

So desirous was the manager of the Bernichon auction sales to have space in this issue that the cable was called into service to properly exploit the event recorded elsewhere. The catalog of this sale will be of unusual interest to all buyers at auction and a 2c post card is all that is required to have ones name entered for the receipt of this and future catalogs.

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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

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EDITORIAL.

Is That All?—We have just received word from Washington to the effect that Postmaster-General Hitchcock has been quoted as saying that the two-cent Panama Exhibition stamp "is the only one that will be issued in commemoration of the exhibition" and that it is his "intention to have the new stamps ready for the public at the earliest possible time."

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Once More—From Mr. Chas. H. Stone, Cambridge, Mass., we have received some particulars regarding the second type of the McKay Sewing Machine license stamps. He says: "I well remember them as during the '60's I was connected with the shoe trade. I enclose one of the stamps that represented two cents, the royalty that every manufacturer who had their shoes soled by the McKay Sewing Machine had to pay the company. The labels came one hundred in a small envelope; and I have an original envelope containing something like forty or fifty of the stamps."

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Departmental Order—We have been requested to give space to the following order from the office of the Third Assistant Postmaster-General under recent date on "Illegal Conveyance and Diversion of Mail for the Purpose of Taking Advantage of the Drop-Letter Rate":

"It has come to the attention of this Department that letters addressed to patrons of offices not having delivery by carriers are being sent to these offices for mailing from other cities and towns, in various ways other than by the use of the mails, for the purpose of taking advantage of the cent-an-ounce rate, provided for letters mailed at and addressed to patrons of post offices not having free-delivery service by carriers, known as the 'drop-letter rate.'

Postmasters are instructed to inform all persons who tender mail of this character that their action in handling and transporting it, regularly or at stated intervals, from the place at which it originates, and at which it should be mailed, to the place at which they offer it for mailing for the purpose of securing the lower rate, will not only result in a loss of revenue to the Government, but is in violation of Section 181, of the Act of Congress, approved March 4, 1909, which prohibits making provision for the conveyance of letters or packets over post routes, or from any city, town, or place, to any city, town, or place, between which the mail is regularly carried, and that their action may subject them to criminal prosecution.

However, these instructions must not be construed as authorizing any postmaster to refuse to accept such mail for delivery. The postmaster should accept and deliver such mail if tendered after the above instructions have been complied with, and immediately make a full and detailed report to the Third Assistant Postmaster General of all facts in connection with it.

Postmasters at offices of the fourth class are instructed that all such mail is held to be diverted mail, and, while they are not permitted to refuse to accept and deliver it, they will not be allowed commissions on cancellations of postage stamps affixed thereto.

JAMES J. BRITT,
Third Asst. P. M. General."

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About Face—In the syllabus of the Liverpool Philatelic Society, it is noticed that a debate is set for April 14th, 1913, on a subject somewhat revolutionary in its suggestions: "Should Great Men's Portraits appear on Postage Stamps?" As it is, tradition has been given a few rebuffs recently. Readers will remember that in an address at Salt Lake City last month, Louis Hill of the Great Northern Railroad said that the faces "of some of our illustrious dead" on postage stamps should be retired in favor of representations of scenic features of this country. We must say sighfully that this is a materialistic age indeed, when the honorable functions of a postage stamp showing the portrait of a great and good man are suspended in the interests of an advertising propaganda. The "human face" is an ideal theme for illustration on a postage stamp; and it wears better than the elaborate design unless it be singularly happy in treatment. We cannot forget the remark of a stamp lover who had sorted over thousands of the two-cent Columbians many years ago who jumped every time thereafter when he saw the stamp in question; he said that the design had got on his nerves.

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Our Political Corner—We really must have some political news. Roosevelt stamps have been issued for sale to Progressive partizans who are invited to use them on their letters but at the same time the injunction is conveyed that the stamps should not be affixed to the front of the letters. In suffragette circles this warning has been received coldly. In fact, certain of the more militant leaders have written to the newspapers to inquire somewhat aciduously if it were thought that they did not know the difference between the Ted stamps and red stamps. The newspapers answer vaguely and abashedly; and thereby they have missed a golden opportunity to place the blame on the Taft administration as it was Taft's post-office department that prohibited the use of all such stickers on the face or stamp side of letters.

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Advanced—Collectors on this side must make their devoirs to the publicity committee of the Jubilee International Stamp Exhibition, London, October 14th-19th, 1912. Just to show that we have no monopoly on advertising enterprise, we quote: "There will be exhibits extending over three-quarters of a mile of interesting and valuable stamp collections sent in by collectors in Great Britain, the United States and many European and other foreign countries and colonies." We have had stamps by the pound, aye, even by the ton, and so why not by the mile. The description is an apt one and should rank with a yard of roses and three feet of books.

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A Few More—A stamp dealer requests us to page the old-fashioned collector who has never heard of the stamp catalogue. Perhaps, we shall find him in some sequestered nook conversing with the o. f. c. who never saw a stamp paper.

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Ah!—We have received a card from "The Eastern Advertising Service. Capital $990,856,500 in Our Dreams. O. Joy, Mgr." that wends its merry way as follows: "Do not fail to attend the meeting of the Busting Philatelic Society, Sept. 17th. The September numbers of the *Busting Hand Organ* and the *Boston Radical* will positively appear, containing valuable articles by Barren Munchausen, Our Leading Man, and other members of the Ananias Club. Interesting speeches will be given by James Hilo, J. J. Hazzenpfeffer, I. W. Isdone, Would B. Slavery, and Dr. Bunning. Do not fail to attend. Yours very truly, The Under Signed." It may be mentioned here that merely as a coincidence the Boston Philatelic Society will hold a meeting extraordinary on that eventful night. The card has been forwarded to the whilom friend of the WEEKLY, Parnassus Penflip, who still sulks in his tent, in the hope that it rouse him to the necessity for action.

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Nearer—Time is performing its well known specialty of flying and in one year from this month, the International Philatelic Exhibition at New York will reveal its glories to the awaiting philatelic populace. The twelve-month will slip away fast and the promoters showed their sapience when they so securely took time by the fore-lock. Even so, the work of preparation looms up formidable but the intelligent efforts of the workers will soon bring order out of the bustle that must precede the opening of any enterprise on a scale of the magnitude of the New York institution.

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300-mile zone	.07	.05	.57
600-mile zone	.08	.06	.68
1000-mile zone	.09	.07	.79
1400-mile zone	.10	.09	1.00
1800-mile zone	.11	.10	1.11
Over 1800 miles	.12	.12	1.32

The postmaster general may make provision for indemnity, insurance, and collection on delivery, with additional charges for such service, and may with the consent of the interstate commerce commission after investigation, modify rates, weights and zone distances, when experience has demonstrated the need therefor.

Written for MEKEEL'S WEEKLY.

THE RAILWAY POST-OFFICE.

By ARTHUR IRWIN SMITH.

The railway mail service is the circulatory system of the post-office department, and is as necessary to it as veins and arteries are to the human body. America has the most perfect and most highly developed system of distributing mail matter en route of any nation in the world.

Every mail-car is designated a railway post-office, and contains a post-marking stamp, postal supplies, and other necessary adjuncts. The post-office is named from the two terminals, never from the name of the railroad. For instance we have the "Pitts. & St. Louis RPO," which in every-day language is the Pittsburg and St. Louis Railway Post Office. So high a degree of efficiency is required that even names must be abbreviated. The average employe will speak of this line as the "Pitts." The Chattanooga & Memphis RPO is familiarly known as the "Chat," and nearly all others are similarly abbreviated.

In naming a railway post-office, the northern or eastern terminal comes first, always. This is only another little item in the highly perfected system. Sometimes there are several railway post-office lines between the same terminals and some intermediate junction point finds a place on the post-marking stamp. Thus we have the "Chicago & Cincinnati RPO," the "Chicago, Richmond & Cincinnati RPO," and the "Chicago, Monon & Cincinnati RPO." On the postmark these will read Chic & Cin, Chic, Rich & Cin, Chic, Monon & Cin.

The railway mail service was first developed along in the early seventies, and it seems to me that an entire containing a postmark of the first railway post-office would be a very valuable curiosity, indeed. In fact, a few clean-cut post-marks from this branch of the service make an interesting addition to any collection. Postmark collectors will find them of more than passing interest and the task of making a complete collection less difficult than might be supposed.

CHAMPION'S 1913 CATALOGUE.

This Standard French Catalog will be issued early in September and we are desirous that our many subscribers shall be made acquainted with its merits. To this end we make a subscription offer of more than ordinary interest.

The price of the Champion catalog is 85c. We will present you a copy of this catalog free of charge if you will remit $2.00 for four years' subscription to the WEEKLY. This offer comes well within the P. O. regulations regarding premiums on subscriptions and at the same time is a liberal offer.

You may if you desire send in your renewal for two years and, as well, a new subscription for some friend for two years: Add the Champion Catalog to your library.

INTERNATIONAL STAMP EXHIBITION.

As already stated the contingents of visitors from abroad, and from the provinces is likely to be exceptionally large, and not to be lacking in appreciation of the world-wide interest that is being taken in the Exhibition, the programme of entertainment has been extended.

The specal functions already arranged for are:

The Opening Ceremony.—This will take place about 3.30 p. m. on Monday, October 14, and admission will be by invitations, such invitations being extended to all foreign visitors, members of the Philatelic Club, exhibitors, donors of 10sh 6d and upwards, and to all subscribers for the *two* official functions, viz., the Banquet on Wednesday, October 16, and the Ball on Friday, October 18.

Official Banquet.—This will be held in the International Hall of the Cafe Monico, Regent Street, W, on Wednesday, October 16, time 7.30 to 8. It is hoped that as many members and friends as possible will have ladies accompanying them. The charge for tickets for the Banquet is 6s each.

It is expected that by Wednesday the Jury will have completed their work of judging the competitive exhibits, and that the announcement of their awards will be first made at the Official Banquet.

Ball and Supper in honour of the Foreign Visitors.—It is desired that this function should be attended by all interested in the Exhibition whether as workers, members of the J. P. S., or visitors, as it is expressly designed to mark the courtesy and hospitality due to visitors who have travelled from foreign countries to visit us. By arrangement with the directors, the Entertainment Committee have secured the use of the magnificent ball-room of the Imperial Hotel, together with the luxurious winter-gardens, and adjoining suite. The guests will be received in the Winter-Gardens from 9 p. m. to 9.30, and dancing will commence at 9.30. Light refreshments will be served in the buffet and Winter-Gardens throughout the evening, and at 11.30 there will be an hour's interval for supper. The arrangements for this function already forecast a great success but it is hoped that everyone who possibly can will attend. The tickets will be 6s each, the price of tickets including the ball, table d'hote supper, and light refreshments.

PANAMA CANAL COMMEMORATIVES.

Newspapers have reported quite generally that there was to be but one value of the new series. We have received official word from James J. Britt, Third Assistant Postmaster General that the issue will consist of four denominations. According to our chronicle of Sept 7 the following will be issued:—

1c green, Balboa
2c carmine, Gatun Locks
5c blue, Golden Gate
10c ———, San Francisco Bay.

A Chat With the Advertiser!

Right in the face of the summer season we have performed the great achievement of reaching the mark of 6300 paid up subscribers. Two years ago we had 6200 but 500 were deadwood so far as purchasing power was concerned. We are not satisfied, nor shall we be content until we have reached 7000.

In the last *Post Card Exchange* A. T. Nelson, the editor, said:—

"MEKEEL'S WEEKLY is the leading stamp journal of the world, there is none better. The manager of the *Exchange* has been a subscriber for over twelve years and would not be without it, for many times its price."

We are perfectly willing to accept Mr. Nelson's judgment.

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This week we introduce the H. H. A. Fox Co. of Oswego, N. Y., very reliable with a leaning towards Br. Colonials. Aug. Fischer of Louisville, Ky. resumes his advertising and will be with us regularly.

These are busy days for us and we want to make *your* days busy. All you need is a series of advertisements in MEKEEL'S.

THE MANAGING EDITOR.

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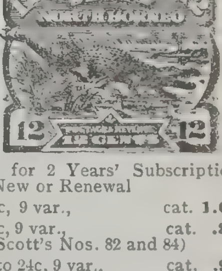

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Mexico Centennial, unused, 50c, $1	.85
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CHRONICLE OF NEW ISSUES AND VARIETIES

Edited by Henry A. Kidder.

Any information regarding new issues will be gratefully received and acknowledged. Address HENRY A. KIDDER, 17 Addison St., Arlington, Mass. Letters calling for a reply should contain a self-addressed, stamped envelope. We cannot give applicants the addresses of our correspondents. Correspondence regarding precancelled stamps must be sent to FRANK B. ELDREDGE, Attleboro, Mass., when due credit will be given in this department.

United States.—A kind note from D. H. Graham renewing his allegiance to the "Chronicle," now that vacation is over, contained in an amber envelope which has been folded the wrong way, the stamp and return card being on the inside of the envelope, with the stamp at the left. The cover passed through the mail, the postmark being in the usual place, but the stamp of course is uncancelled. Mr. Graham reports that he has received word that the 2c envelope, old knife, watermarked "U S P O D—1911," on amber, size 5, is scarce. He has size 13, Die A2. Mr. Graham also has the new variety E 2c on white, amber and blue, watermarked, "U. S. S. E.—1911" and on white watermarked "U S P O D—1911".

D. H. Graham has shown us the current 2c postage due stamp on paper with the new watermark, and in a new shade, a bright clear rosy shade of claret.

Send 25 cents
For 500 mixed stamps, no trash. A fine mixture. I am breaking up my stock.
G. HAROLD KUHL,
285 King St., W., Berlin, Ont., Can.

25 var. So. and Central America, and 1000 Foreign mixed for 18c. D. L. CURRAN, 66 Thorp St., Binghamton, N. Y. [35

One cent approvals. Other grades also. Harry C. Bradley, Dorchester Center, Mass.*

Austria 1910, unused, comp.	7.50
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Postal Savings—2c with straight edge 15c per 100, $1.40 per 1000, $13 per 10,000. A. C. ROESSLER, Clay St., Newark, N. J. *

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H. F. KOHR, 816 E. 41st St., K. C., Mo.

I want to buy lots of loose stamps for cash. What have you to sell? H. LEONARD. P. O. Box 785, Jacksonville Fla. [34*

Ægean Islands.—Notwithstanding the Italian Government has authorized the use of Italian stamps in the islands of Calymnos, Cos and Leros, occupied by its armed forces, some local parties, with an enterprise equal to that of the Cretans, have already provided a series of stamps. These were printed in Athens and are of the same size, paper and perforation as the current Greek stamps. Three designs have been provided 1, 5, and 10 lepta. The design shows the head of Pallas, with the value at the top and Greek words at the bottom meaning "Confederation of the Islands."

Barbados.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us further values in the new set, and we find that there are three distinct designs. The values from ¼d to 2½d are in the design already described. The 3d, 4d and 6d are of the same size as the lower values, but the sugar cane has been removed, and the tablet containing the value appears in the upper right corner, the tablet being a horizontal oblong, with an ornamental frame. The spaces by the King's portrait are filled in with flowers, a broad view of the sea appearing in place of the tablet as in the lower values. The shilling values are of larger size, 25x34 mm., the King's portrait being placed at the top, with tablets containing the value at either side. Britannia occupies the centre of the bottom part of the stamp, groups of palms rising at either side, and extending to the top frame line under the value tablets. The name of the colony runs across the bottom of the stamp as in the lower denominations.

James V. Devenny also sends us specimens of the new 3d and 4d stamps.

Adhesives.

1d red.
2d gray.
2½d ultramarine.
3d violet on yellow.
4d black and red on yellow.
6d lilac and mauve.
1sh black on green.
2sh purple and blue on blue.
3sh green and violet.

French Colonies.—*Champion's Bulletin* gives the following information regarding the series of provisionals chronicled in No. 1128:

For some time there was talk of the suppression of certain values of the Colonial stamps which were no longer current. At first they had decided to send to the different colonies, the stocks remaining in the Colonial office of the older emissions of the group type. The supplies of some values were considerable, and it was thought that these stamps would never be exhausted. At first they wished to destroy them; afterwards the question was in what manner to surcharge them to transform them into the values of 5c and 10c. It was this last plan which was finally decided upon, and it was decided to surcharge only the values of which there remained in stock at least 30,000 copies. This was finally done. There were 32 different values provided, but owing to the fragility of the paper on which the stamps were printed, a large number were broken and damaged in the course of the printing. Certain values have seen their issue reduced to a figure very much restricted. Of the 10c on 5fr Martinique only 36,000 stamps were issued; of the 5c on 30c French Guinea, only 32,000, and of the 10c on 75c French Guinea and 10c on 75c Reunion, only 29,000 each. Therefore there were only 29,000 complete series issued, which is small in view of the great number of collectors and the welcome given these stamps upon their appearance.

Germany.—John F. Willmott has shown us one of the aviation cards and stamps mentioned in No. 1132. The stamp has no official character, being cancelled with a special cancellation reading "Flug post am Rhein u. am Main" in a large circle, with "Frankfurt (Main)" and the date. The card is headed "Flug Post-Karte." The value of the aviation stamp is 20pf, and is placed on the left end of the card, an imperial stamp of 10pf being placed at the right in the usual place.

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India.—Whitfield King & Co. report the King George 3p, ½a and 6a stamps overprinted with the word "Service".

Roumania.—According to *Champion's Bulletin*, Roumania is to have a new series of postage stamps most artistic in design and brilliant in execution. The competition established by the Roumanian Director of Posts has given very satisfactory results, especially the designs for the 15b and 40b which will reproduce the Palace of Posts at Bucarest and a part of the post of Constanja. These are marvels of finish and beauty; if the other values resemble them, the new series may certainly be counted among the prettiest and most attractive in existence.

Straits Settlements.—*Johore.*—Whitfield King & Co. report the 2c of the current set to be added to those which have been issued on paper watermarked multiple quatrefoil or flower.

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POSTAGE STAMPS OF THE NEW HEBRIDES CONDOMINIUM.

By D. B. Armstrong.

(Continued from page 299).

Early Postal Arrangements.

The earliest attempt at a systematic development of the Islands' resources was undertaken by a firm established in Noumea in 1882, under the title of the "Compagnie Caledonienne des Nouvelles Hebrides," who acquired considerable tracts of land in the group, and established stations at Port Vila, Port Sandwich, the Bougainville Straits, and on the island of Vanua Lava in the Torres and Banks Islands. The cultivation of coffee, cocoa, vanilla, etc., and the manufacture of copra was undertaken by the Company on an extensive scale. For the purpose of conveying the copra out of the Islands, a steamer was engaged to make monthly trips between Noumea and the New Hebrides. In 1894, however, this firm was compelled to go into liquidation, and its holdings in the Islands were transferred to a new syndicate known as the "Societe Francaise des Nouvelles Hebrides." Since 1898 this firm has been in receipt of an annual subsidy of Fr. 360,000 from the French Government to encourage their development of the Islands. A regular postal service was organised in 1900 between New Caledonia and Noumea by the Company's steamers, which left the latter port eleven times a year for an itinerary of the principal settlements in the New Hebrides. Letters conveyed by this service were franked with the contemporary postage stamps of New Caledonia, but it is stated that the postal system was at that time entirely a marine one, no French post offices being then established in the group.

Meanwhile, in 1887, a second commercial venture had been launched in Sydney, N. S. W., for the development of the British concessions in the New Hebrides, and the assistance of the Australian settlers, styled the "Australasian New Hebrides Company, Limited." So rapid was the progress made by this Company, that in a very short time it had practically obtained control of the Islands' trade. Regular postal communication between Sydney and Port Vila was inaugurated in 1892-93 by a steamship service, maintained under subsidy of the Governments of New South Wales and Victoria, the former contributing £1,200 and the latter £1,000. Under this arrangement the s. s. "Rockton," of the Australian United Steam Navigation Company, made a monthly call at Port Vila on the voyage to or from Fiji, carrying freight, passengers and the mails, whilst an interisland service was maintained by a smaller vessel, the "Croydon," which touched at all the Islands and returned to Vila in time to connect with the monthly mail steamer. It was about this time that an agency of the New South Wales Post Office was opened in Port Vila. At first postage had to be prepaid in cash, and the letters together with the money for the postage, were forwarded to the G. P. O. at Sydney, where the postage stamps of that State were affixed to carry them on to their ultimate destinations. Subsequently New South Wales stamps were placed on sale at the Port Vila agency and a special postmark was introduced, consisting of a single-line circle inscribed "NEW HEBRIDES—VILA" round the circumference, struck in black. The earliest dated postmark known to the writer is Sep. 10, 95.

The stamps first employed were those of the value of 2½d in the "Advance Australia" type of 1891-94, which, on the reduction of the Australian internal postal tariff to 2d, was superceded by that denomination of the 1897 series. A small roughly formed postmark, similar to the one described above, but struck in violet, is said to have been employed on ship letters.

In 1894 the subsidized steamship service was discontinued, but a small steamer was purchased by the Australasian New Hebrides Company on their own initiative, by which an interisland service was maintained between some sixty-five points in the group, the round trip occupying three weeks. After a short time, a direct steamship service with Sydney was also opened up under the Company's auspices, connecting with the inter-island steamer at Port Vila.

For the use of this service there were issued on March 17th, 1897, two denominations of particular postage stamps which were available for franking correspondence conveyed by the firm's vessels only, within the New Hebrides, themselves. On and after June 1st of that year, however, letters for Sydney and beyond were required to bear one of the Company's stamps in addition to an ordinary 2½d stamp of New South Wales. The postal tariff both inter-island and to Australia by this private service was as follows:—

Letters, per ½ oz. or fraction thereof,	1d
Packets and magazines, not exceeding 4 oz.,	1d
Ditto, for every additional 4 oz. or portion thereof,	1d
Parcels, per 8 oz. or fraction thereof,	1d
Newspapers, per 8 oz.,	1d
Registration fee,	2d

These stamps were issued at the suggestion of a well-known Australian philatelist, Mr. A. F. Bassett Hull, who is also reputed to have been responsible for the design, consisting of a panoramic view of Port Vila, enclosed in an ornamental frame, inscribed, "The Australasian New Hebrides Company, Limited." The words "Inter-island Postage" appear across the top of the stamps, and the value in figures and words at the foot, whilst beneath the central vignette is the name "Port Vila"; the remainder of the design being filled in with fanciful ornamentations.

They were lithographed in two colours by Messrs. John Sands & Co., of Sydney, in sheets of 120, composed of twelve rows of ten stamps, on heavy white wove paper without watermark, and were rouletted. On the margins of the sheets of 1d stamps was the following inscription, "Australasian New Hebrides Company, Limited. Inter-Island Postage. Price 1d per label, 1s per row of 12, 10s per sheet of 120," whilst the sheets of the 2d value were similarly inscribed. The sheets were all numbered consecutively in black in the top left-hand corner, on the margin.

These local postage stamps were cancelled with special postmarks, of which there are two distinct types. The first consisted of a single-line circle lettered "Port Vila Post—New Hebrides—A. N. H. Co. Ltd." and the date, in five lines, and was employed exclusively at Port Vila. The second and commoner type bore the words "Travelling Post Office," and was employed in cancelling letters posted on board of the Company's steamers at places where there was no regular postal station.

Summary.

1897. March 17th. Local postage stamps of the Australasian New Hebrides Company. Two values. Design as above by Mr. A. F. Bassett Hull. Bicoloured. Centre in second colour. Lithographed in two operations by Messrs. John Sands & Co. of Sydney, in sheets of 120, twelve rows of 10 on thick white wove unwatermarked paper. Rouletted.

1d lilac and black.
2d brown and blue.

Variety.

The writer has seen a copy of the 2d value on undoubtedly toned paper, and the 1d probably exists in a similar condition.

Toned Paper.

1d lilac and black.
2d brown and blue.

These stamps are comparatively plentiful and can be secured without difficulty, the reason for this being that they were obtainable in complete sheets for some considerable time after their discontinuance at face value, both unused and postmarked to order.

A slump in the Cotton Market consequent on the Spanish-American War brought about the failure of the Australasian New Hebrides Company, which was wound up with a total deficit of over £25,000. Its concession in the Islands was acquired by the well-known Sydney trading firm of Burns, Philp & Co., who established regular steamship communication with the New Hebrides and also an inter-island service, under Government subsidy, which they still maintain. The subsidy was increased in 1902 when the firm transferred its territorial rights in the group to the Federal Government of Australia.

A series of four pictorial stamps purporting to have been issued for local use by a firm styling itself the "Syndicat Francais des Nouvelles Hebrides," which made their appearance in September, 1903, are, so far as can be ascertained, of an entirely bogus character. They were issued by a Noumea newspaper entitled the "Journal des Nouvelles Hebrides" which had for its mission the stirring up of public opinion in France in favour of the annexation of the islands to New Caledonia the sheet being distributed gratis. In order to recoup themselves in part for this loss, the proprietors hit upon the idea of organizing a French local post in the New Hebrides, for the use of which these special postage stamps were prepared. They were inscribed "Nouvelles Hebrides 1903—Syndicat Francais—Poste Locale" and showed a view of Franceville (Port Vila), and a native aborigine respectively, and were roughly lithographed in sheets of 100 composed of four panes of twenty-five in five rows of five, on medium white wove unwatermarked paper, the perforation gauging 12.

Despite the fact that the authorities refused to authorise their employment in the New Hebrides for postal purposes, these labels were placed on sale to all and sundry, and for some time found a ready market until their true status became known. With a view to imparting a semblance of legitimacy to their issue, it is stated that an agent of the newspaper was despatched to Port Vila with a supply of the stamps affixed to dummy letters which were duly postmarked on board steamer with a circular date stamp inscribed "Port Vila-Nouvelles Hebrides." Subsequently the stamps were suppressed by the postal authorities in Noumea, and to-day they are of considerable scarcity. Notwithstanding their bogus character they are not without interest for the collector of New Hebrides stamps and the few complete sets that are in existence to-day are in great demand. The series was comprised as follows:

5 centimes blue and blue-green (View of Franceville).
15 centimes brown and black (Native aborigine and vegetation).
25 centimes carmine and black (View of Franceville).
1 franc green & dark-blue (Native aborigine).

There would appear to have been two French postal agencies in operation in the New Hebrides during the early part of the present century, the stamps of New Caledonia, series 1892 (Commerce and Navigation) of the values 5, 10, 15 and 25 centimes being known postmarked "Port Vila-Nlles. Hebrides" and "Nlles. Hebrides-Pt. Sandwich" with varieties of dates. The pictorial series of 1905 is also known with New Hebrides postmarks.

(To be continued.)

WITH THE BOY PHILATELIST.

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We propose to insert upon this page matter that will be of interest to the boy collector. Some two thousand boys are now on our mailing list and it is our desire to come closely in contact with them in such a manner as will be most helpful. Any information desired will be cheerfully rendered through these columns. Do not submit stamps for examination.

THE BEGINNERS' GUIDE.

ERRORS.

It is an old and trite saying that "mistakes will happen in the best regulated families" and in the production of postage stamps mistakes occasionally happen in the most careful printing establishments. These mistakes, or errors, have a peculiar fascination for most philatelists and, as they are generally of considerable rarity, they are expensive luxuries.

Perhaps the most interesting class of errors are those known to stamp collectors as "inverted centers." These occur on stamps printed in two colors and which, of course, require two printings to complete them. Only two issues of United States stamps have been printed by the bi-color process and, curiously enough, in both of these errors with inverted centers occur. In the issue of 1869 the four highest values were each printed in two colors and of these the 15c, 24c, and 30c are known with the centers upside down. As the cheapest of these is catalogued at $225 they are varieties the vast majority of collectors must be content to do without. In the Pan-American issue of 1901 three of the six denominations are known with the central pictures wrong way up. Of these the 1c, and 2c were regularly issued and though the 4c all came from an unissued "specimen" sheet they nevertheless command high prices. Of the stamps printed by the better known firms De La Rue and Co. have been responsible for only one error of this sort, one sheet of the 7½d value of the 1897 issue for Tonga being inadvertently sent out to this British protectorate with the head of the King upside down. It is a scarce stamp and usually sells for about $100. The famous firm of Perkins Bacon and Co. have been responsible for two inverted center errors in recent issues of Liberia while another well-known London firm—Waterlow & Sons Ltd.—have let loose quite a number of these errors among stamps printed for such countries as Nyassa, Liberia, Uruguay, and Congo. Spain and India both furnish inverted center errors among their earlier issues the 4a of the 1854 issue for India with inverted head being an exceptionally rare variety. Another famous rarity of this sort is the first 4d stamp issued in Western Australia in 1854. It is by far the rarest of Australian stamps and is worth about $2,000. This error is not a bi-colored stamp but was caused by the faulty placing of a transfer in making up the lithographic stone for this value. This stone was made up of transfers of the central part of the 1d stamp of the same issue with frames added. In the variety forming the "inverted swan" the frame was placed wrong way up so this variety should, correctly speaking, be described as inverted frame.

The American Bank Note Co. have allowed quite a number of inverted center stamps to leave their establishment at different times some of these, such as the Dominican Republic stamps of 1902, being comparatively common.

Other errors of considerable interest are those having incorrect inscriptions. The rarest of these is probably the 20 öre stamp of the 1872-76 issue for Sweden bearing the word "TRETIO" (30) instead of "TJUGO" (20) though the correct numerals are shown and the stamp was sold and used as a 20 öre stamp. Another scarce variety occurs among the 1859 stamps of Lubeck the 2sch being known with correct numerals but worded "ZWEI EIN HALB" that is 2½sch. Among more modern and commoner stamps it will be recalled that the first supply of the 2½d stamps issued in New Zealand in 1898 were lettered "WAKITIPU," instead of "WAKATIPU." Another instance will be found on some of the 18c stamps issued in North Borneo in 1897 these being inscribed "POSTAL REVENUE" instead of "POSTAGE & REVENUE."

Sometimes stamps have been doubly printed in error or printed on both sides of the paper. The former, generally known as double impressions, are not very plentiful the best known instances being, probably, the ½ and 2 annas stamps of the 1883 issue of India. Among stamps printed on both sides of the paper such countries as Tasmania, South Australia, Austria, Turkey, Bolivar, and Venezuela are represented the value generally standing in direct ratio to the philatelic interest of the country.

Occasionally stamps have been printed in the wrong colors, these errors being due to different causes. Some of the most interesting and valuable of these wrong color stamps have been caused by an electrotype of one value being inserted in the "plate" of another value. The best known of these are perhaps the "woodblock" errors of the Cape of Good Hope. In at least one printing of these locally produced triangulars a 4d cliche was inserted on the 1d plate and a 1d one on the 4d so that we find the 1d printed in blue instead of red and the 4d printed in red instead of blue. Another instance will be found in the North Borneo stamps of 1886. In making up the first plate for the 4c stamps a 1c cliche was inadvertently inserted so that this value exists in rose instead of the more usual orange.

In printing the 1865 stamps for Western Australia De La Rue & Co. managed to make two errors some of the 2d stamps being printed in mauve (the color allotted to the 6d) and some of the 1s being printed in bistre (the color of the 1d). In both cases the number printed must have been small judging by their present rarity. Another color error made by the same firm of printers occurs in the 1s stamps of Tobago. The whole of a supply sent to this Colony in 1896 was printed in orange-brown—the color of the 6d. The error was noticed directly the stamps reached Tobago but they were placed on sale nevertheless, but very few were actually used as most of them were bought up by speculators.

Other stamps have been issued imperforate or partly imperforate when they ought to have been perforated; some have been printed on paper intended for the stamps of other countries; and many have been printed with the paper wrong way up so that the watermark appears inverted, though these inverted watermark varieties are of little interest to most collectors.

Finally we have surcharged stamps which provide errors and varieties galore. We find surcharges omitted, inverted, double, treble, printed in wrong colors or from incorrect type, with letters or figures transposed or with altogether wrong ones, etc. In fact of surcharged errors there is no end and as it is surprising how easily some errors can be overlooked we advise our readers to examine their stamps carefully.

THE MATTER OF COMMISSION.

James E. Parker, Newark, O., writes us as follows:—

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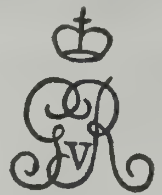
In reply to this complaint we wish to say that we shall be very glad to know the names of any dealers using the WEEKLY who send out approval sheets marked in the manner indicated and upon which a "commission" is granted.

THE ROYAL CIPHER WATERMARK.

By FRED J. MELVILLE.



The appearance of the first postage stamp with the new Royal Cipher watermark leads us to a consideration this week of some of the consequences of so radical a change in the watermarking of our British stamps.

It has already been emphasised in the *Postage Stamp* that the "All-over" or as philatelists have hitherto called it the Multiple watermark indicates a definite trend of progress in stamp-manufacture. The advantages of the "all-over" system over the registered or "single" watermark are considerable in printing establishments which are required to print vast editions of stamps. On this account we foresee the probability of the extension of this method not alone to British overseas dominions but also to many foreign countries that have hitherto used only the registered watermark.

Already the conventional crown is passing out from stamp printing in foreign states; the case of Sweden may be cited where the new papers are either without watermark or have an all-over watermark of wavy lines.

The convenience of the all-over watermark is to be found not in one detail of printing, but in several.

First of all there is *register*. The paper,, before it is ready for the press has to undergo several preparatory processes, *e.g.*, cutting, glazing, gumming and these are all mechanical processes. With the "single" or "registered" watermark device the paper must be adjusted with absolute precision in the guillotine machine, otherwise the watermark will be out of register when the sheets are printed. So, too, the printing-plate and the paper must be very finely adjusted for registration in the press. This precision of register involves the expenditure of much time, and its ultimate success is by no means certain as there are still to be reckoned such factors as the conditions of the paper, paper stretch and machining.

With the all-over watermark, however, there is a margin of watermarked area capable of extending to a slight but sufficient degree beyond the printing surface of the plate on all sides. This at once reduces the difficulties of register as the watermarked area itself is so thickly spread with the repetitions of the device that no stamp can fail to have its due complement of watermark.

Next there have to be considered the effect of the watermark upon the paper and the tendency which the single device, *e.g.*, the crown, has to spoil the printing effect, especially where as in our British stamps, the stamp itself bears a representation of the Sovereign. Now-a-days, by means of spring balances the pressure of the dandy-roll on the paper in process of manufacture (whereby the watermark effect is produced) can be gauged with fair precision, but although in principle the pressure of the watermark "bits" in the pulpy paper should not have the effect of making the paper surface uneven, the condition is familiar enough to philatelists where a watermark obtrudes itself on the face of the stamp. This in stamp printing is not good, as an obtrusive watermark makes the stamp design print dull in parts, and usually in those parts which are most liable to show up to disadvantage.

With the single or registered watermark system it is practically impossible to entirely eliminate this defect, the watermark bits being set wide apart. Where, however, they are spread "all-over" the paper, a larger proportion of the paper is actually watermarked and the surface of the paper is more evenly affected by the watermark.

With the new postage stamp paper for Great Britain there are some points of novelty not of a technical, but certainly of a very interesting character, which call for remark.

For seventy-two years the "Crown" has been the watermark chiefly used for the stamps of Great Britain. Now, in 1912, we are witnessing a change from the Crown to the Royal Cipher, a change fraught with considerable possibilities of philatelic interest. It will be obvious that such a change implies a necessity for change with the accession of each new Sovereign. This need present no difficulties to the manufacturer, as a new dandy-roll could be prepared and an enormous stock of paper prepared with it long before a British government department could prepare its designs, dies, and plates for stamps of a new reign.

The contingency of the stamps of one Sovereign being printed on a paper watermarked with the Cipher of a predecessor or a successor will of course at once strike the philatelist as within the range of probability. For our part we would not find in such a contingency any cause for complaint, but if it were against the tenets of the ingenious deviser of our new watermark it would only require the exercise of care on the part of the contractors to avoid such a contingency.

Finally, we are inclined to the belief that the new watermark itself is a distinct improvement on the crown device. The watermark in our stamps is primarily a protection against the illicit printing of postage stamps, yet there seems to be no recognised monopoly in this country in the use of a simple crown device like that which has been so long familiar as the watermark in our stamps. Tom, Dick, or Harry could have made to his order paper watermarked with a crown, and probably no offence could be proved unless he could be shewn to have printed forgeries of our stamps upon such paper. But the Royal Cipher is much more characteristic and distinctive; it is a royal emblem to the unauthorised use of which as a paper-watermark legal objection might be taken. So we may welcome the new watermark which for the first time in our British stamp history associates the Royal Cipher with the stamps of our reigning Sovereign.—*Postage Stamp.*

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THE SEASON'S PROSPECTS.

By WILLARD O. WYLIE.

The writer is by nature an optimist and for this he is thankful. Optimism bespeaks optimism and looking upon the bright side of things makes one happy and companionable with a more than even chance at prosperity.

The stamp collector and the stamp dealer have every reason to delight in the general trend of matters philatelic. Looking at things from the standpoint of the greatest publicity agent of which our hobby can boast, there seems to be a bustle that portends great activity for the stamp trade this winter.

We make this estimate with our own publication and its varied interests as a basis for our remarks. We have great faith in MEKEEL'S WEEKLY. It is a live exponent of philately, a great missioner for the stamp collecting hobby and has a mailing list that now numbers 6,400 paid subscribers. Its value as an exponent of philately cannot be fully estimated.

We have large plans for the winter months and money will be freely expended to produce a paper, better, if possible, than ever before. We shall advertise extensively and increase the interest in philately to the fullest degree. We heartily believe that we are on the way to the greatest prosperity ever achieved. Our views are but the views of others and we append some opinions as voiced by a few representative dealers:—

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J. W. SCOTT, N. Y. City.

Not being the seventh son or the son of a seventh son or even the father of seven sons we are unable to prophesy, but our books show that the first two weeks in September record the biggest sales in our history, and probably would make a record in philatelic sales. The stamp season opens first of September, so we think the indications are exceptionally good. The great stamp exhibition will open in about a year from this date and collectors are getting busy, many additional thousands will be spent this fall bringing collections up to prize winning standard. Another indication of what we think of trade prospects is shown by our setting the date for the celebrated Billwiller auction in the coming November. One word more, your readers are among the bright spirits of philately, have they considered that when a bargain is offered in your advertising columns that the time to order is *now,* immediately after seeing something they want offered cheap. Delays are dangerous and the bigger the bargain the quicker it goes. Amongst your thousands of readers at least ten hundred want every genuine bargain. Probably there never was a bargain offered in your columns which could be supplied to a thousand collectors, therefore many get left, but the live ones get the goods and are happy evermore.

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FREEMAN PUTNEY, JR., N. Y. City.

Since resuming my position as head of the Scott Stamp & Coin Co., in July, I have been particularly struck with the way in which the demand for high class stamps has persisted through the summer. This applies particularly to fine copies of old issues such as our European friends now call "classic" stamps. Things that were very easy to secure five years ago seem to be almost impossible to get hold of today.

I must confess that after not having been in touch with the market for the past year, I was somewhat skeptical in the advance of prices of U. S. stamps shown in the 1912 Scott Catalogue. Three months' actual experience of the demand and the supply, however, has convinced me that the present market prices for fine copies are amply justified by conditions and we shall probably have to raise some quotations on U. S. in our Monthly Circular within the next few months.

The demand for old Europeans is also strong with little fine stuff to be had. We advertised to buy a number of old Europeans some weeks ago and although a number of consignments were sent us, there was practically nothing in fine condition.

British Colonials are a little more plentiful and it may be that most catalogue prices are as high as they should be at present. These stamps as a class, however, will always be the most popular in the world and if they are taking a little rest at present, any surplus is

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Early South Americans, particularly those countries which have attracted the attention of specialists who go in for plating, minor varieties, etc., are scarce and constantly growing better.

Twentieth Century stamps, from what I can judge, have been resting a little and perhaps recovering from the overboom they suffered several years ago. I expect, however, to see a big new demand for 20th Century stamps as soon as the new 20th Century Album appears late in the fall.

Taken all in all, the outlook for the coming season looks to me exceedingly bright.

P. M. WOLSIEFFER, Chicago, Ill.

The outlook of the stamp business for the coming season is most satisfactory in every way, and looks like a record breaker for the stamp concerns that have the stock to supply the demand.

Although I carry no regular stock on hand but keep it circulating, yet I am receiving a larger number of want lists and requests for certain things than ever before. It is a well known fact that a number of prominent concerns are making efforts to secure many of the medium priced stamps and will pay from 50% to 75% of 1912 catalog prices and in several instances have had representatives to attend auction sales and purchase at prices up to and in some instances over catalog.

Even the slow countries like Columbian Republic, Greece, Hawaii, India, Japan, Montenegro, Transvaal, Turkey, Venezuela etc., are beginning to feel the effects of this persistent buying of the medium priced 19th Century stamps and are enjoying a bonus in a mild way.

In my particular line the "Auction" field is not at all active, nothing of any importance being offered, and what I have booked has been on hand for six months or more. This would indicate that collectors are not selling but buying. Other concerns report a like state of affairs.

The Sales Department of the American Philatelic Society also reflects the same state of affairs, plenty of cheap books sent in but nothing very attractive or salable, while the demand for good desirable material is very strong.

Evidently the election this year is not scaring anybody that collects stamps so far as I can see and if the philatelic season continues as it has started out we will certainly have a banner year.

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From all indications the Philadelphia Stamp Co. believes that we are approaching one of the biggest stamp seasons in the history of philately. We base this opinion upon the fact that such a large number of collectors of mature years are already actively at work on their collections and in the market for the best class of stamps. Furthermore, we find that the business in new issues has been greatly stimulated by the new King George stamps. We have also had quite a call for albums and catalogues, together with a gratifying amount of new business. Auction prices during the latter part of last season were excellent for good specimens. As evidence of the demand for scarce and unusual things, we call attention to the sale of blocks of six of the 5c and 10c 1847 unused at $190 and $625 respectively, making a total of $815 for stamps catalogued at $261. These prices were realized at a sale we held about the first of July. The two blocks were not in the best of condition at that, the 5's being somewhat the worse for wear and two of the 10's being creased, but of course, the stamps were unusual and the sale only goes to show that the biggest prices will be paid for goods of this character. We have similar instances on our books of other stamps.

Excellent crops are being harvested and the general business of the country is picking up rapidly so that we seem to be nearing a boom period which will, of course, be beneficial to philately. We have several exceptionally fine auction sales booked for this season and feel confident that the prices realized will be exceedingly good because of the favorable conditions referred to.

H. F. COLMAN, Washington, D. C.

Judging from last year's trade and even during the summer season I feel convinced the stamp business will steadily improve during the coming year. U. S. and its colonies have been great sellers and are now seemingly priced altogether too low and I will be compelled to raise prices all along the line when I get out my 1913 list this fall. From 1906-1912 Scott's prices on U. S. stamps show a net increase of only between 4% and 5%, or something less than an average of 1% per year. There is such a strong demand for these stamps and dealers' stocks are now so badly depleted that the only thing left is to advance prices which I understand is to occur in the 1913 catalogue.

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Were you at the Chicago Philatelic Society Auction, Thursday, September 19? If so you would have seen the room full of enthusiastic men and you would have seen the old half catalogue line crossed many times by eager purchasers. Truly the sight promised a season of prosperity to the Society and Chicago dealers.

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—Frank E. Goodwin of St. Louis, Mo., will visit Chicago October 8-10 and Cleveland October 15-18. He expects to call upon philatelists in both these cities.

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—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from J. Rausch, Geo. C. Hale, Jr., Frank W. Lynes (6), Elliot B. Hunt and E. E. Boylan.

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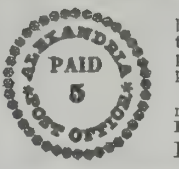

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OUR BOOK REVIEW.

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We have received in good season from M. Theodore Champion the 17th edition of the Yvert and Tellier-Champion Catalogue for 1913. It is not necessary to introduce this catalogue to our readers, as it is already well known and increasing in popularity among American collectors. Its handy form, being in the somewhat narrow "pocket" size; enables it to be carried about conveniently; and its wealth of information makes it an almost indispensable "pocket companion." In fact, the increasing tendency with publishers of catalogues to make them real handbooks and thus double their value to the collector, has nowhere been better illustrated than by the publishers of the one under review.

What is first noted on opening the volume is the neatness of the arrangement and the excellence of the illustrations. The latter are reduced in size, but are perfectly distinct and amply serve their purpose. The illustrations of surcharges, however, are made full size for better identification of types, and in the case of minor varieties, secret marks, and such puzzling characteristics, enlarged illustrations are provided of the distinguishing details.

The arrangement of the catalogue is absolutely alphabetical, save in a few cases like the States of the Colombian Republic, which follow the National issues. It is thus easy to look up any stamp issuing country off hand, though an alphabetical index is added to avoid any question. In each country, the issues are listed in chronological order, though stamps corresponding in type, or completing a series, are placed with the issues to which they belong, which seems the proper thing to do even though several years may separate the dates of issue.

In the lists a separate number has been given each stamp in its main type; if varieties exist they are sub-lettered under the number of the type stamp, this being now the generally accepted rule for arranging catalogue lists, so that for those who do not specialize the principal list of any issue, consecutively numbered, contains only the main or type varieties.

The catalogue lists not only the regular postage stamps, but the usual accompaniment of newspaper, registered, return receipt, special delivery, "too late," official, war tax, fiscal-postal, postage due, postal packet and newspaper tax stamps. The war tax and newspaper tax stamps are now being more and more omitted from catalogues, as their function has usually been a purely fiscal one. We also find the so-called "return letter" stamps listed, many of these being simply "official seals" as their inscriptions denote, and having no "postage" or even franking character at all. They have been discarded from most catalogues for some time, yet many collectors include them as "near stamps" because of their association with postal departments.

But the lists of telegraph stamps will be appreciated by many collectors, for these are being collected more and more as representing the co-ordinate branch of the communication service, so often united in foreign countries as the "Post and Telegraph Department."

With all these lists are found many foot-notes, explanatory headings, and various other helps to the collector which make his path much easier, particularly if only an amateur. The fact of their being in French seems no deterrent to popular philatelic favor for the catalogue in this country, doubtless, because a large part of our collectors are more or less familiar with the language. For the stamp lists and ordinary philatelic terms used in connection with them and therefore familiar, there should be no difficulty even for the novice in French.

The catalogue has the usual helpful tables, etc., included, among which are a glossary of familiar philatelic terms, the names of common numbers in several languages, a table of the different colonies, protectorates and foreign offices belonging to the European States, an identification table for quickly locating a stamp in its proper category or country of issue, an illustrated table of watermarks, and a money table.

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Reading the Signs—Indulging man's predilection for prophecy, we shall speak of the outlook for the coming stamp season. It is admitted that in predictions of this nature, optimism tinctures the opinions of those who wish for the best or who are vitally interested in the success of their pursuit or business. Yet, even if ordinarily the ideas of those who are in a position to prophesy are discounted somewhat, the views are of value as indicating a general trend of thought. While it may be possible to counterfeit an enthusiasm or substitute the ideal for the real yet it is poor policy to say nothing of the moral obloquy, to misrepresent the meaning of indications. There are many straws usually to show which way the wind blows and it is not believed that the prophets could mistake the direction of the current or stultify themselves by baseless predictions.

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Hail—We know that August, 1912, was a better stamp month than August, 1911, from actual experience and that September, 1912, has risen superior to the handicap of the weather and scored a higher average of philatelic interest than the year before. Taking our cue from the reports in the newspapers of the prosperous conditions based on enormous farm yields, it follows that there will be money with which to purchase stamps in the hands of the public generally. Our own case, fortified by the testimony of dealers who have been consulted, proves that there is an augmentation of philatelic interest over that of a year ago; and the wish to buy stamps combined with the money with which to buy them makes an ideal condition. It must be admitted that there is a steady increase in philatelic knowledge on the average and that in consequence, the sense of nicety and discrimination in collectors has become more noticeable. A stronger preference is exerting itself for the stamps of the better character and the desire for good stamps, as to condition, is of wider range than ever before. While in the aggregate there is a market for all stamps, yet those of the more deserving class are the ones that will receive the lion's share of favor during the busy days of the coming season. Philately seems destined to flourish like the proverbial green bay tree this season, which the WEEKLY now announces to be open.

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Novelties For Us—From the *Philatelic Gazette,* we learn that the twelve values of the Parcel Post stamps, ranging from one cent to one dollar, inclusive, have been decided upon and that a special set of postage due stamps will be required without doubt, as an accompaniment of the regular set. A correspondent quotes: "The designing of the stamps of the Parcel Post set is under way and the plates for the printing of the stamps will be promptly engraved." Naturally, an amount of preparatory work, almost inconceivably great, must be completed before January 1st, 1913, the date named by Congress for the start of the operation of the post and it is evident that the department does not propose to be dilatory in supplying the necessary stamps. The new stamps will loan a pleasing variety to the issues of our country; and their advent will be awaited with anticipation.

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Excelsior—At present, United States stamps need no aid to emphasize their popularity. The discerning collector noticed that unobtrusive stamps such as the one and ten-cents, 1851, for instance, made quiet advances in price in the latest edition of the catalogue and that there was a tendency to strengthen prices all along the list. We are violating no trust, we believe, in saying that there are a number of early United States that a few dealers are buying for customers who want the stamps in good condition for purposes of study or speculation. While it may not be said that prices are no object in accumulating these stamps, yet it is certain that no limit has been placed on the quantity of the specimens wanted. The buyers know that there is remote danger of being overwhelmed by any number of the stamps in the condition demanded as no doubt they believe the statement that has been repeated so often that there are no really great stocks of early U. S., in fine condition, that may be secured at prices conforming to the accepted ideas of value. We believe that United States issues will register in a short time, a higher degree of popularity than they enjoyed twenty years ago or more, when discounts on the stamps indeed were meager and dealers were loth to send them out on approval, so pronounced was the demand for them.

After Them—For the time being, at least, philatelic publishers have escaped a calamity almost too terrible to contemplate. An amendment has been added to the Postal Laws and Regulations that begins, as follows:

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Here we come to the cross of the ruling: "In the case of daily newspapers, there shall be included in such statement the average of the number of copies of each issue of such publication sold or distributed to paid subscribers during the preceding six months." Etc. The time may come when the weeklies and monthlies will be included under a ruling of the kind and then the poor philatelic publishers will howl like dervishes. We, from our pinnacle of probity on the temple of truth, tearfully abjure our benighted brethren to copy our example of telling truly our circulation. Perhaps, it is not too late for them to repent and reform; we shall intercede for the saddest case of all,—the publisher of the *Stamp Journal* who has aroused the virtuous indignation of our managing editor by saying that his paper had as many American Philatelic Society subscribers as we have. It is to be added, quoting the order of the postmaster-general: "All editorial or other reading matter published in any such newspaper, magazine or periodical for the publication of which money or other valuable consideration is paid, accepted or promised shall be plainly marked 'advertisement'." For a violation of this law, a fine of from fifty to five hundred dollars may be imposed. Good, we say.

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No. 13—Cicero, Ill.

One of the hardest aeroplane cancellations to get hold of is that of Cicero, Ill., which is number thirteen on the list. Maybe the number has something to do with the difficulty I had in obtaining a specimen; maybe not. Under the auspices of the Aero Club of Illinois a meet was held at the Cicero Flying Field, which is owned by the club, May 30-June 2, 1912. The aviators who carried mail were Max Lillie, Marcel Tournier, Paul Studensky and George Mestach. The aviation cancellation was very simple; it consisted of the words "Via Aeroplane" which was stamped on the letters and postal cards together with the regular Cicero, Ill., postmark; mail carrying on a large scale was in use at this meet. On the first day, aviator Lillie flew from the field to the Elmhurst Golf Club, a distance of 18 miles and aviator Mestach made a flight to Wheaton, Ill., a distance of 24 miles. On the second day, aviator Studensky made a flight to the Elmhurst Golf club and aviator Lillie flew to Wheaton. The third day's program consisted of a flight by Studensky to Elmhurst Golf club and another by Mestach to Wheaton. On the fourth day, Studensky flew to the Elmhurst Golf club and Lillie made the last mail-carrying trip, to Wheaton. The total mail carried weighed 458 pounds, including sacks. The greatest amount carried by an aviator was 81 pounds, Lillie being the aviator.

None From Wisconsin.

It took me quite a little time and considerable letter writing to find out that no aeroplane cancellations were used in either Milwaukee or Watertown, Wis. Aviator Farnham Fish made a flight from Cicero, Ill., to Milwaukee the latter part of May, 1912. On this trip, an 85 mile flight, he carried some merchandise from a Chicago concern. From Milwaukee, he flew to Watertown, Wis., a distance of about 45 miles. On this trip Fish carried bundles of the *Milwaukee Journal* and dropped them at various towns along the route. He also carried a few postal cards and letters that were handed him by people in the crowd that had assembled before he started. Both the postmasters at Milwaukee and Watertown have written me that the postoffice had no official connection with the flights made by Fish and that no aeroplane cancellations were used. The *Milwaukee Journal* made great preparations for Fish's trip with their papers getting out an "Aeroplane Edition."

No. 14—Saugus, Mass.

At last, Massachusetts appears on the scene with an aeroplane cancellation, and, incidentally, for the first time, New England. At a meet held at Atwood Park, Cliftondale, a suburb of Saugus, May 30, 31 and June 1, 1912, this "aero" appeared. On the first day, aviator Harry Atwood, famous as an aerial joyrider, carried mail from the park, which, by the way was named for him, to Lynn. Atwood's flight was made shortly before seven o'clock in the evening and he carried 800 pieces of mail, 500 postal cards and 300 letters. The distance was about four miles and the time consumed was about twelve minutes. It rained hard the second day, but on the third day, aviator Arch Freeman made a successful flight with mail. Freeman swooped wide over the water and made for the Lynn boulevard. He misjudged the distance, however, and dropped the sack into the ocean, where it was fished out by carriers from the Lynn postoffice and taken in an automobile to the postoffice. The aeroplane postmark was a small circle in which was printed in heavy black type, medium sized, "Aero Postal Sta. Saugus Mass." The regular Lynn Mass., Cliftondale Branch, postmark was also stamped on the letters and postal cards as well as a "dauber" cancellation, elliptical in shape and in the center of which was the figure "1". I have a postal card which, in addition to the above mentioned cancellations has the Lynn, Mass., West Lynn Sta. postmarked upon it. This may be called type 2.

No. 15—Lexington, Ky.

The fifteenth aeroplane cancellation is credited to Lexington, Ky., but in fact was never used. At a meet held at the Lexington Race Track June 3-9, 1912, aviators Eugene Heth, Paul Peck, whom I will mention later, Oscar Brindley and Leonard Bonney made flights. The aero mail service was not handled by the government, in fact the cancellation was supplied by the Mercural Aeroplane and Entertainment Company of New York City. High winds prevailed throughout this meet and no flights with mail were even attempted. It had been planned to have mail carried from Lexington to Winchester, Ky., a distance of between 18 and 20 miles. Like the Salem, N. H., meet that I have mentioned in a previous chapter, this "aero" is in the "almost" class. A brother newspaperman in the South, to whom I wrote for information concerning this meet, answered my letter as follows: "Nothin' doin'. No mail carried. Wind blowin' pretty strong and guy got cold feet." The cancellation, if such it may be called, consisted of three lines of type, in red ink. The cancellation read "U. S. Official Aerial Mail Stamp". The regular Lexington, Ky., postmark and the wavy-lines cancellation was also used.

No. 16—Squantum, Mass.

Another one of those "almost" aeroplane cancellations, I am sorry to say, hails from Massachusetts. At the meet held at the Squantum, Mass., field June 29-July 7, 1912, "it" appeared. A postoffice was installed just outside of the field. Letters and postal cards were stamped with a special cancellation which was in black ink and read "Boston Aviation Meet—Aero Mail Service." The cancellation was in two lines. There were two postmarks used. One read Atlantic, Mass., and the other Boston, Mass. The meet was a grand fizzle and the aviators did more flying around for their money than they did in the air. No mail was carried and after a day or two, the field postoffice was discontinued.

No. 17—South Amboy, N. J.

Just for a change, I will describe a real aeroplane cancellation. This was used but one day, July 4, 1912 and was, incidentally, the second cancellation to appear in which mail was carried by a hydro-aeroplane. Aviator Oliver G. Simmons in a Burgess-Wright hydroaeroplane started from the Raritan river at South Amboy, N. J., about noon. He had with him a letter from the South Amboy Business Men's Association which was addressed to a New York newspaper. Simmons arose from the river and made a two mile flight to Perth Amboy, N. J. He reached the latter place in just three minutes. He dropped the mail sack, which was picked up by a Perth Amboy carrier and sent through the regular mail channels to New York. Then Simmons hustled back to his hydro cradle on the South Amboy side of the river. The aeroplane cancellation was novel. It consisted of two lines of large type, the ink being reddish purple. The cancellation read "Aero Plane Route No. 900006." The regular South Amboy, N. J., postmark and a "dauber" cancellation were also used.

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CHRONICLE OF NEW ISSUES AND VARIETIES

Edited by HENRY A. KIDDER.

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UNITED STATES.—H. R. Cowan has shown us a freak perforation. The specimen is a 3c of 1870-71, from the bottom row in the sheet, but with the perforation at the bottom so placed as to cut through the centre of the second line of the imprint. This leaves a space of 6 mm. between the frame line of the stamp and the perforation, 5 mm. of which is the broad white space between stamp and imprint.

Jesse W. Sargent shows us a unique specimen being a double plate number on the current 2c stamp. The regular plate number is 5946, and the additional number being 5954. The latter is placed just at the frame line of the top row of stamps, just below the regular number, but the lower part of the figures are cut off. Evidently two sheets of paper had been fed into the press, with one of them slightly misplaced so that only the plate number appeared on the upper sheet. Later this sheet was fed in again thus making a double impression.

A. W. Dunning shows us a specimen of the current 1c envelope, green on oriental buff, which has a colorless line extending across the band containing the value, from the point of the bust downward so as to intersect the lower left corner of "E" of "One." Whether this is a defect in the die or imperfect printing is not clear.

Fred Goshert sends us a copy of the current 2c stamp in an especially deep rich shade of carmine. Too much ink appears to be the salient feature, but it is also of an unusual shade.

As stated last week, the new parcels post system will be put into operation January 1. A special series of stamps will be issued, as the accounts are to be kept separate in every respect. The series will consist of 12 denominations which will make possible any combination up to $1 by using not more than three stamps. The denominations decided on are as follows: 1c, 2c, 3c, 4c, 5c, 10c, 15c, 20c, 25c, 50c, 75c and $1. The *Philatelic Gazette* says that the size and designs of the series are still unsettled, and the Bureau has received no definite orders as yet. It is probable that these stamps will be longer and narrower than the present series to give them a distinctive appearance. The numerals of value will undoubtedly be a prominent feature. Regarding the designs, it is rumored that five of the series are to show the portrait of some prominent American, and five others to depict scenery representing agriculture, etc. It is also stated that a special series of postage due stamps will be required for the parcels post service.

According to *Scott's Circular:* A table of the various sums which will be required to pay postage on a single parcel shows some interesting odd amounts. Packages in the first zone running from one to eleven pounds respectively require the following values: 5, 8, 11, 14, 17, 20, 23, 26, 29, 32 and 35 cents. A continuation of the table shows very few "even" amounts. Values such as 14c, 17c, 32c, 37c, etc., predominate up to $1.22 which is the highest amount. It is probable, however, that for convenience the Parcels Post stamps will pretty nearly follow the present set of ordinary postage stamps, but it is likely that some odd values will be added as experience shows that they are needed.

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CHINA.—The New England Stamp Co. and Whitfield King & Co. have shown us the ½c and 1c values in a new type of overprint. Whitfield King & Co. have been informed by a correspondent that the new surcharges were printed in London, but as it is believed that permanent Republican stamps are being prepared, these new surcharges are not likely to last very long. Only these two values have yet been seen. They are easily distinguished from the older printing, as the new surcharge on the ½c stamp is blue instead of black, and on the 1c the surcharge is in magenta instead of red. Moreover the type of the surcharge is much different, especially the last character. In the older surcharge, the characters run square across, while in the new surcharge they incline upward to the right, giving an appearance like italic in English printing. The last character is nearly square in the old surcharge with the top line curved in a little, while in the new surcharge it is nearer diamond shape, with the top line curved outward, and a heavy line at the right projecting below the frame. All the characters show radical differences, especially in the width.

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FRENCH GUINEA.—As stated last week, the number printed of the provisionals recently chronicled was very irregular. *Maury's Collectionneur* gives the quantities for this Colony, as follows:

Group type—5c on 2c, 74,000; 5c on 4c, 185,000; 5c on 15c, 109,000; 5c on 20c, 54,000; 5c on 30c, 32,000; 10c on 40c, 68,000; 10c on 75c, 29,000.

Native type—5c on 2c, 326,000; 5c on 4c, 175,000; 5c on 15c, 195,000; 5c on 20c, 92,000; 5c on 25c, 76,000; 5c on 30c, 66,000; 10c on 40c, 68,000; 10c on 50c, 47,000.

PORTUGUESE INDIA.—The Sterling Stamp Co. has shown us the 1r and 6r Republica split provisionals chronicled in No. 1132.

We find that another value should have been included in the lot as chronicled, the 2½r yellow brown having been surcharged twice "3 reis" and vertically perforated. This value was issued without the surcharge "Republica."

REUNION.—According to *Maury's Collectionneur*, the following quantities were printed of the provisionals recently issued:

5c on 2c, 193,000; 5c on 15c, 198,000; 5c on 20c, 43,000; 5c on 25c, 66,000; 5c on 30c, 72,000; 10c on 40c, 70,000; 10c on 50c, 36,000; 10c on 75c, 29,000.

SURINAM.—Mr. Schachne sends us the other provisional card which we find like the 2½c noted in No. 1126.

Post Card.

5c red on pink; divided face.

URUGUAY.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us the 2c of the current design, but which has been cheaply lithographed similar to the 1904 issue. In this case, however, the copy has been made by transfer and not by redrawing, so that the new stamp is the same as the engraved issue, though roughly printed. The imprint of the printer does not appear below each stamp, as in the engraved series.

Maury's Collectionneur says that a new issue was to have been furnished by the school of Arts and Manufactures of Montevideo, and as this is the same institution as furnished the lithographed stamps of 1906 and 1910, the issue noted above is probably the first of the promised series.

Adhesive.

Lithographed.

2c orange red.

WITH THE BOY PHILATELIST.

Edited by BERTRAM W. H. POOLE, Box 231, Altadena, Calif.

We propose to insert upon this page matter that will be of interest to the boy collector. Some two thousand boys are now on our mailing list and it is our desire to come closely in contact with them in such a manner as will be most helpful. Any information desired will be cheerfully rendered through these columns. Do not submit stamps for examination.

PUZZLING WATERMARKS.

The following letter from a Philadelphian reader is typical of many queries I receive:—"Can you tell me anything about a stamp of New South Wales which I can't locate in Scott. It is type A11, perf. 12½, dark green. But instead of being watermarked Crown and N. S. W. like No. 65 it is plainly watermarked with the letters "O S" in large double-lined capitals. Is it by chance an uncatalogued variety on revenue paper, or are these letters part of some name in the margin of the sheet?"

In the latter part of his letter my correspondent hits the nail on the head for these letters are simply a part of the inscription watermarked in the margins of the sheet *i. e.,* NEW SOUTH WALES POSTAGE. These varieties are very puzzling to the beginner and his mystification is hardly to be wondered at. In the stamps of some British Colonies these varieties are frequently met with, especially in the case of such stamps as the small embossed Gambias where watermarked paper suitable for sheets of 120 stamps had to be cut up in the most economical way possible to fit plates of only 20 stamps. In some cases, too, where the watermark is out of position stamps from the outside rows are occasionally entirely without watermark.

PUNCTURED OFFICIAL STAMPS.

Another reader writes:—"I have copies of stamps of Victoria, Scott's numbers 193, 198, 199, 200, and 204, with the letters O S perforated through the stamps and also New South Wales No. 27 perforated OS NSW. Can you give me any information about these?"

Stamps punctured in this manner are intended for use on official correspondence and they take the place of stamps surcharged for official use. During the last few years most of the Australian colonies have dispensed with specially overprinted stamps for departmental use, and have instead used stamps punctured with various initials. Thus the letters "O S" which are generally used stand for On Service and this is the device used by most of the States of the Commonwealth. Some of the New South Wales stamps were also punctured with the letters N S W and other letters frequently met with are "T" for Tasmania and "W A" for Western Australia. I believe Kohl's catalogue is the only one that fully tabulates these varieties though they are equally as much official stamps as if they bore overprints.

CAPE OF GOOD HOPE.

A correspondent asks how the triangular stamps of the Cape of Good Hope issued in 1863-64 may be distinguished from the issue of 1853-58 and whether De La Rue and Co. made the plates for printing the later issue. The plates were manufactured by Perkins, Bacon & Co. and when the printing contract was transferred from that firm in 1863 to De La Rue and Co., the plates were handed over as these were the property of the Cape Government and not of the printers. The only difference between the stamps of the two issues is that of color and though they are easily identified when once one has had the opportunity of comparing the two issues the catalogue distinctions are not very plain to the beginner who has, perhaps, the haziest conception of the difference between brown-red and rose, violet and lilac, and yellow-green and emerald green. Differences of color are particularly difficult to describe in print but, speaking generally, the De La Rue tints are much *brighter* than those employed by Perkins, Bacon & Co. Perhaps the easiest way of distinguishing between the two issues is by comparing the colors with those of some of the later issues of the same country. Nos. 34 and 42 are both common stamps providing good examples of rose. If the triangular stamp matches this in color then it belongs to the 1853 issue. If, however, it is much darker or has a distinct brownish tint then it belongs to the emission of 1863. No. 44 provides a violet color by which the De La Rue 6d can be identified while much paler tints must belong to the Perkins Bacon set. A good idea of emerald green may be derived from Nos. 52 or 57 while the triangulars differing materially from this color must belong to the 1853 isue. We have still the 4d value left and this is the most difficult one of all to identify. The Perkins Bacon printings show a smooth, clear impression with all the details of the design sharp and distinct, while the De La Rue prints have a slightly blurred appearance. I fear, though, it is idle to imagine any beginner will ever differentiate these two varieties from a printed description for many advanced collectors, with both stamps to compare, find it hard to tell one from the other.

SHORT REPLIES.

G. S. W. (Cerro Gordo, Ill.).—Seebecks is the name given to certain issues of Nicaragua, Ecuador, Honduras and Salvador which were provided to these governments gratis on condition that they had a new issue every year and that the remainders and plates—from which reprints might be made—should belong to the manufacturers. The name is derived from that of N. F. Seebeck who was responsible for the arrangement. They are of course "genuine stamps". (2) The numbers on the backs of the Spanish are sheet control numbers. Every stamp on the same sheet is numbered alike but each sheet bears a different number in numerical sequence.

E. B. H. (Ossining, N. Y.).—I regret I can give no information as to how reprints of the local issues of the United States may be distinguished from originals. In many cases they can only be distinguished by experts who have made a special study of these stamps.

W. P. S. Co. (West Pullman).—I regret I do not know where the first issue for Indo-China was overprinted, nor how many of each value there were.

F. L. P. (Lebanon, O.).—I never heard of any one making a distinction between upright and inverted watermarks in current U. S. stamps. (2) Specialists naturally recognise any colors or shades of the 1c and 2c stamps they can obtain though only very striking differences of tint are ever likely to be catalogued.

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THE MATTER OF COMMISSION.

By Alvah G. Clark.

(We must confess that this proposition is one that affects stamp collecting very materially. It is true that any dealer has a legal right to offer his stamps for sale at such prices as he pleases to make. There is, nevertheless, another side to this question. It is a suicidal policy for any dealer to put his stock into the hands of boys to be sold at four or five times its actual value. So many stamps can be obtained at such a small fraction of catalog quotations that no dealer should mark his approval sheets higher than Scott's quotations. More anon.—Ed.)

The article of Mr. James E. Parker, Newark, O., in the last issue of your paper entitled "The Matter of Commission" has been duly read by the writer. Your request at the bottom of this same article has been duly noted. I feel loathe to write this letter to you for I feel certain that you are already acquainted with the facts similar to those of which I will mention and of the same firm.

About the 12th of February this year I received from an advertiser in no earlier an issue than No. 1134, one approval sheet of 20 stamps (unsolicited) together with a mass of advertising matter of said company and a one cent stamped envelope for their return. Along with this mass of cheap literature was a blank stating that 50 per cent. discount would be allowed from marked prices. As a matter of curiosity I looked up the catalogue values of some of the stamps on the sheet and found the following prices marked:

Salvador, No. 21,	cat. 2c	marked	on	sheet,	3c
Cuba, No. 240,	" 1c	"	"	"	2c
Honduras, No. 70,	" 3c	"	"	"	6c
" No. 51.	" 2c	"	"	"	3c

These are four examples out of 20 stamps submitted. Of course I understood the "game" immediately. Such stamps as these are put out to rogue the young boy collectors. Furthermore, the unthinking boy would return the stamps under the one cent rate unsealed as this company suggested in their literature and if anything was missing or went wrong this company would no doubt come on to the boy for the money. Systems of this sort are dead wrong and very injurious to philately. It would be a step well taken if some journal or paper with enough "back bone" and nerve would start a series of articles exposing such firms. Of course some papers would come back with the answer "We will lose this firm's advertising." Maybe so, but the paper would be better off in the end as these firms reflect on the papers in which they advertise.

When this company sent me this packet of junk I suppose they thought me one of their dupes instead of a collector of 15 years' experience. I immediately wrote them that the stamps were not wanted, they were sent unsolicited and upon receipt from them of enough postage to return them registered, I would return them. Some time after I received a request to make returns on the lot and I answered it by calling their attention to my previous letter and adding postage on this letter to their former bill. Up to the present writing I have heard nothing from them. I still have the stamps and literature intact awaiting the postage for their return.

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Our readers will no doubt be greatly interested in the following notes:—

(1.) A specialized collection of the Rivadavia stamps of the Argentine Republic 1864-1872, with a study of the different printings of this issue. This display follows the system as first described by Dr. Jose Marco del Pont of Buenos Aires, but in two of the printings at least there is an attempt to supply further details—the result of the owner's recent work. Attention is called to the extensive series of unused stamps of all printings and to the large number of strips and pairs of used copies. There are two imperf. pairs of the 10c 1864, a pair of the essay of the 15c and numerous used and unused specimens of 10c and 15c imperf. of 1864-67, both watermarked and unwatermarked. All the rarest specimens of the 5c without watermark are shown used and unused. A large number of the stamps are on original covers and these are also arranged by printings. The collection is contained in three Oriel albums.

(2.) A study of the 1879-80 issues of Queensland mounted in accordance with the different types and plates. This work follows the system originally suggested, I believe, by L. L. R. Hausburg, Esq. Attention is called to the diagram illustrating the arrangement of the plates. This collection is in an Oriel album.

(3.) A specialized collection of the 1856, or Diligencia stamps of Uruguay. This issue was included in a larger exhibit shown at the International Exhibition in Vienna in October, 1911, but since that time it has been rearranged, extended and considerably re-studied. Attention is called to the progress that has been made in plating the 60 centavos of 1856. A diagram shows the varieties that have been definitely located, including some that are in other collections. It is only the lack of sufficient material that retards the completion of this plate. There are complete reconstructed plates of the 80 centavos and 1 real, together with displays and descriptions of the different plate varieties. There is a block of 4 of the 80 centavos, at one time the property of Dr. Wonner and unique in this condition. There is also the celebrated block of 15 of the 80c, one time the property of Mr. Vincent Farrer of Buenos Aires. This is also unique. There are no known blocks or pairs of Diligencia stamps other than those in this collection. Attention is particularly called to the largely increased comparative exhibit of corresponding plate varieties in the 60 centavos, 80 centavos and 1 real values—the result of recent study, and very effectively mounted and described.

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By ARTHUR T. BROWNE, Boston Philatelic Society, No. 543.

(The writer would like to secure specimens of all future aeroplane cancellations. They may be sent to him in care of Mekeel's Weekly.)

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No. 18—Hamilton, Ohio.

The State of Ohio brought out the eighteenth aeroplane cancellation which was used at the Butler County Fairgrounds, Hamilton, Ohio, July 12 and 13, 1912. The Hamilton Retail Merchant's association secured aviators Lincoln Beachey and Charles F. Walsh and both made flights carrying mail. This was the third time that Beachey had played the aerial mail man and the second time for Walsh. From a special postoffice on the field mail was carried to the Krebs Ball Park, a short distance, where it was dropped in front of the grand stand. One of Uncle Sam's rural carriers then took charge of the sack. On the trip made by Beachey 18,000 pieces of mail were carried. Both the aeroplane postmark and cancellation were in black ink. The postmark consisted of three lines of medium sized type and read "Aero Mail Service, July 13, 1912, Hamilton, Ohio." The cancellation consisted of six heavy lines, about one-eighth of an inch in thickness and an inch and a quarter in length.

No. 19—Coney Island, Ohio.

The nineteenth aeroplane cancellation was used at Coney Island, Ohio, July 19, 20 and 21, 1912, being the second "aero" for Ohio. Coney Island is a summer resort, ten miles up the Ohio river in the village of California, Ohio, and was recently annexed to the City of Cincinnati. Aviator Paul Peck, operator of a Columbia monoplane, carried mail from Coney Island to California, a distance of one mile. There is no postoffice at Coney Island, but a special postoffice was established on the grounds and a charge of ten cents was made for the carrying of the aeroplane mail. The aeroplane cancellation was exactly like the one used at Lexington, Ky. It consisted of three lines of large type reading "U. S. Official Aerial Mail Stamp", and was in red ink. The regular California, Ohio postmark and a "dauber" cancellation in black were also used.

No. 20—Hohokus, N. J.

The twentieth aeroplane cancellation comes from New Jersey, being the second for that state. On Saturday, August 3, 1912, an exhibition was held at Hohokus, N. J., by the Cressier Aviation company. From a special postoffice on the field, mail was carried to Ridgewood, N. J., a distance of about two miles. The meet came near being a failure. About 7000 people were patiently waiting for aviator Durafour, who operates a Morane-Borel passenger carrying monoplane. He did not show up and Joseph Richter, a young aviator who had been doing stunts in the air to amuse the crowd, volunteered to carry the mail. His welcome offer was accepted and Richter started off with the mail. He lost his bearings in the air and at one time was as far north as Suffern, N. Y. Not daunted a bit, the young aviator insisted upon making another attempt. This time he dropped the sack of mail near the Ridgewood depot, where a large bon-fire had been built to guide the youthful bird-man. Both the aeroplane postmark and cancellation were in black ink. The postmark and cancellation both were similar to those used at the Garden City Estates, N. Y., and the St. Louis, Mo., meets. The postmark was circular in shape. At the top were the words "Aerial Special Despatch". In the center was the date. At the bottom were the words "Aviation Grounds, Hohokus, N. J." The cancellation consisted of four wide lines, one-eighth of an inch in thickness and one inch in length.

No. 21—Fort Recovery, Ohio.

The twenty-first aeroplane, and the third for the State of Ohio came from Fort Recovery, Ohio, and was used at the Harvest Jubilee held there August 6, 7, 8 and 9, 1912. Aviator Earl Sandt, known as the "Boy Wonder", carried the mail. Although the Harvest Festival lasted four days, mail was carried only two days, August 8 and 9. On the first day, aviator George Schmitt broke his machine while alighting. Mail carrying was scheduled for this date but the letters and postal cards which had been cancelled with the special aeroplane cancellation on the field were carried to the postoffice by one of the clerks at the special field postoffice. No mail carrying occurred on the second day as a new machine which arrived could not be ready for a flight and had to be overhauled. There were no flights made on the second day. On the third day, mail was carried by aviator Sandt. The "Boy Wonder" arose until he was a mere speck in the clouds. He tried to drop the sack of mail in a pasture lot but was unsuccessful and the sack landed on the top of a wood pile in the St. Clair Mill's wood yard, about a half a mile from the grounds. The festival was extended one day when Sandt again carried mail. The aeroplane cancellation is one of the most interesting that has yet appeared. It consisted of a large circle with a smaller circle within, both composed of dots. The larger circle was composed of large dots and the smaller circle of small dots, all in black ink. In the space between the circles at the top were the words "Aviation Station No. 1." In the center was the date. Above and below the date were ornaments. At the bottom between the circles, were the words "Fort Recovery, Ohio." The postmark served both as postmark and cancellation.

No. 22—Ocean City and Stone Harbor, N. J.

New Jersey gets the twenty-second aeroplane, being the third for that state. It was used at a meet held August 8-13, 1912, at Ocean City, N. J. The aviator was Marshall Earl Reid. Mail was carried from Ocean City to Stone Harbor over the ocean, a distance of about twenty miles. Ordinarily, the mail between these places goes in a roundabout way. On his first flight, Reid not only carried mail, but he also carried a passenger. On his return from Stone Harbor, Reid also carried mail. The aeroplane postmark was therefore a combination of both places, yet it was applied at Ocean City only. On four trips from Ocean City to Stone Harbor, Reid carried 11,456 pieces of mail and on three trips from Stone Harbor to Ocean City he carried 1059 pieces of mail, a total of 12,515 pieces. On his last trip, which was made to Stone Harbor, he carried between 5,000 and 7,000 pieces of mail.

1212 Var. U. S. Collection
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No. 23—Portland, Oregon.

The twenty-third aeroplane cancellation comes from the far northwest and was used at Portland, Oregon and the aviator was Walter Edwards. The meet was held at the Country Club racetrack, a distance of several miles from the center of the city, on August 10 and 11, 1912. He carried about 2500 letters and postal cards from Portland, Oregon to Vancouver, Washington, about ten miles and over the Columbia River. Among the mail carried was letters to President Taft, Woodrow Wilson, Col. Roosevelt, Postmaster General Hitchcock and a letter from the mayor of Portland to the mayor of Vancouver. The aeroplane cancellation was in black ink and consisted of the regular Portland, Ore; postmark with the word "Aviation" at the top and the word "Station" below it. The lettering was in medium sized type. A "dauber" cancellation, elliptical in shape and in the center of which was the figure "1", was also used. At the left of the letters and postal cards, in purple ink, was printed "U. S. Aeroplane Mail Service. This letter carried by aviator Walter Edwards From Portland, Oregon to Vancouver, Wash." The words "U. S. Aeroplane Mail Service" were in larger type than the rest of the lettering which was in very small type.

This is the closing word of the series. The compilation has been no easy task. To United States postmasters, brother newspapermen and friendly philatelists all over the country, I extend my heartfelt thanks for their kindness in helping me, not only with information, but in many cases, with specimens of the various aeroplane cancellations.

No. 24—Cicero, Ill.

The twenty-fourth aeroplane cancellation comes from Cicero, Ill., being the second to come from that place. Under the direction of the Aero Club of Illinois a meet was held at the Cicero Field, September 12, 13 and 14, 1912. The aerial mail carriers were aviators Lillie, Thompson, Vought and Prince. All Aurora, Ill., mail delivered at the Cicero postoffice was carried by aeroplane instead of train. The distance was 27 miles. The cancellation was in black and consisted of a small circle at the top and bottom of which, respectively were the words "Aerial Mail" in medium sized type. This was cancelled with seven parallel lines, two inches in length. The fourth line was shorter than the rest, to the extent of a quarter of an inch. The postal cards and letters present a very much cancelled appearance. In addition to the above mentioned cancellations, there were the "Wavy Lines" flag cancellation, a Cicero, Ill., and a Chicago, Ill., postmark. Another type included an elliptical shaped "Dauber" cancellation in the center of which was the figure "1."

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No. 13—Cicero, Ill. May 30-June 2, 1912.
No. 14—Saugus, Mass. May 30-June 1, 1912.
No. 15—Lexington, Ky. June 3-9, 1912. (No Mail Carried.)
No. 16—Squantum, Mass. June 29-July 7, 1912. (No Mail Carried.)
No. 17—South Amboy, N. J. July 4, 1912.
No. 18—Hamilton, Ohio. July 12-13, 1912.
No. 19—Coney Island, Ohio. July 19-21, 1912.
No. 20—Hohokus, N. J. August 3, 1912.
No. 21—Fort Recovery, Ohio. August 8-9 1912.
No. 22—Ocean City and Stone Harbor, N. J. August 8-13, 1912.
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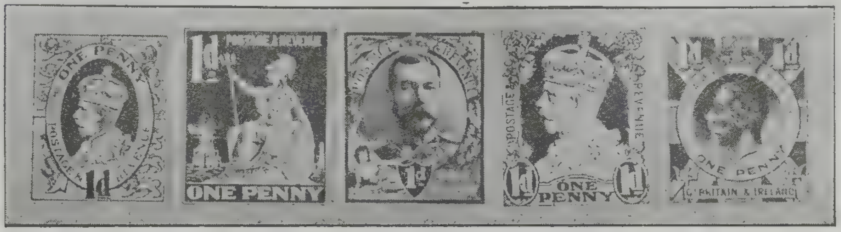

JUBILEE EXHIBITION STAMP DESIGNS.

By FRED. J. MELVILLE.

I am sending herewith some photographs shewing half a dozen of the best of the designs which have been sent in in competition for the prizes which we offered for suggestions for improving the British 1d stamp. I think you will agree with me that these designs provide several very excellent suggestions and we are going to adopt one of the designs and produce stamps from it at the Exhibition, so that the public can see the process from beginning to end. The public will see the paper being made, they will also see demonstrations at intervals of the construction of the plate, they will see the printing from the plate going on constantly and the perforating of the stamps on the King George V. machines. This will be quite an unprecedented display of practical stamp manufacture and I will see that you get early copies of what we hope will be the "Perfect Stamp."

NEWS GLEANINGS.

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—So many of our subscribers are interested in Esperanto that the advertisement of the *Amerika Esperantisto* elsewhere in this issue will prove of more than ordinary interest. From personal observation we have been made aware of the fact that many collectors use Esperanto and stamp collecting provides a very natural and profitable use for this world-wide language.

—H. S. Powell of Storm Lake, Ia., was recently called to Los Angeles, Cal., by the severe illness of his father and we learn since that the latter's death occurred Saturday, Sept. 14. The many patrons of Mr. Powell will bear with him in any seeming lack of attention given correspondence addressed to Storm Lake. He expects to be at his office this week.

—"Enclosed I send you for chronicle in MEKEEL'S a photograph of a highly interesting sheet of Tibetan stamps about to be issued by the Dalai Lama, and of which I believe I have received the first and only sheet that has left Tibet. You will observe that I am again first with these as I was in the case of the overprinted Tibet on China."—W. T. WILSON.

—We have received from Frank W. Lynes, N. Y. City, a bunch of eight clippings for which we are duly grateful, though none of them deal with matters of sufficient philatelic interest to warrant our using the same. The parcels post situation is receiving considerable consideration at the hands of the press.

—Have you joined the Boosters?

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—R. S. Green commenting upon complaint made by James Parker in No. 1134 suggests that it would be a good plan if collectors would take their catalogs immediately on receipt and make the corrections in prices indicated in the Addenda. Mr. Green believes that the dealer is oftentimes unjustly accused, in that Addenda corrections have not been properly taken account of.

—Wayne Hoffman would like to have some dealer advertise the Cape of Good Hope emblem recently illustrated. No doubt other collectors would like to be similarly obliged.

—Are you a Booster?

—Paul Mason advises us of his change of address from Columbus, O. to Covington, Ky. where he is now one of the editors of *Fire Protection*, a monthly magazine. He has but recently returned from a convention of fire chiefs at Denver.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from J. M. Overfield, Geo. E. Marx, Raymond Breunig and E. Crisman.

—We have received from H. Cormack his annual price list of Central and South American stamps. It makes a very respectable sized book of 56 pages and is very neatly arranged and printed. It can doubtless be obtained on application.

—Harry T. Willcox lays before us the facts in connection with an English fraud, Charles Moore, who under an elaborate letterhead has been able to secure valuable approval selections and then decamp. Mr. Willcox submits a letter from our U. S. Consul's office at London which substantiates the above. The advertisement through which Mr. Willcox became acquainted with Moore appeared in the columns of a contemporary.

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The Managing Editor.

EDITORIAL.

Stampless Covers—Not a few of our readers spent their vacations with philately in their thoughts. Searches were made when opportunity offered for stamps with "artistic" if not material success. No power of clairvoyancy is needed to disclose these facts, as will be shown. We have been receiving an unusually large number of inquiries, not to mention the items themselves, concerning stampless covers bearing in addition to the postmark, various inscriptions, such as Paid 5 or Collect 10, for instance, either hand-stamped or written. The similarity of such covers to some of the extremely rare provisionals makes the identity of the covers in question a matter of grave speculation. Such seems to be the irony of fate that many of these unstamped envelopes are to be found while those with stamps seem to be elusive. The fact that covers without stamps were used after 1847, the date of the first general issue is a puzzling circumstance in this connection, which, however, is to be disposed of by the declaration that prepayment of postage by stamps was not made compulsory until 1855. The covers with the markings aforesaid have no philatelic significance, although it may be argued that there is an antiquarian interest about them that is of some consequence. If the covers were used before the stamp era, of course there could be no postage stamps upon them but the covers that were employed after 1847 were sent unstamped at the option of the sender. If the postage on these letters was paid in cash, they were stamped Paid, usually with the amount of postal charge. If he sent the letters with the postage to be collected from the recipients, the letters were marked accordingly.

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With or Without—By the Act of Congress of March 3rd, 1851, the postage on inland letters not over a half ounce in weight became three cents for a distance not exceeding three thousand miles with the proviso that if the postage was to be collected on delivery, the charge was five cents. Before that date, the rate was the same pay or collect, if no notice is taken of a minor exception to this rule. Deputy post-masters enjoyed the franking privilege and their letters usually bore the word, Free, stamped or written, with the name of the postmaster written underneath. So, inland letters mailed up to January 1st, 1856, were not required to bear postage stamps in order to ensure their carriage in the mails. We trust that our explanation will allow those having the covers such as are under discussion to define their status.

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Where—What has become of the old-fashioned collector who used to pay for the names of dealers from whom stamps could be bought? Is he hobnobbing with the o. f. c., who, when he found a better specimen of a stamp that already was in his album in poor condition, pasted the second right over the first stamp?

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Of All Things—Our political department. The human hubbub who sent the telegram last week that was duly detailed in this column follows it with another "Rush" despatch: "Come out with sensational head, pledging support of stamp collectors for Teddy, as when he is elected, the empire will be established with entire new deal of stamps. Work up a page." This person who seems so anxious to overwhelm us with woe evidently remembers the assertion made by a newspaper in the course of a long article on philatelists many years ago that stamp collectors ceaselessly were plotting against the governments of the principal countries of the world with the idea of expanding the number of stamps available for collecting purposes by reason of the political changes.

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Model Office—At the convention of the National League of Postmasters of the United States held in Richmond, Virginia, recently, a post-office was installed in the hotel that was selected as head-quarters of the convention. The office was an operating one and the mail of delegates generally was handled through it. The equipment was of the most approved and advanced kind; and in its entirety, the post-office was intended to illustrate the ideal establishment of its kind and its workings. A special postmark was used to designate the mail originating at the temporary office and in other ways the encouragement of the governmental authorities was manifest. We have heard of a few collectors of postmarks of special and temporary offices that got their start with the World's Fair postmark that was used in the office at Chicago on the Fair grounds in 1893, although there had been at least one special postmark employed before that date.

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World Moves—It is learned from the *Stampster* which gives particular attention to the philatelic affairs of the Latin American countries that in all likelihood, Chile will follow the example of Cuba and found an engraving and printing bureau for the manufacture of its stamps. If the probability becomes an accomplished fact "a distinctively Latin American type of stamp design" may be expected to take its place among the standards of stamp execution. The dissatisfaction alleged to have been felt in Cuba in connection with the appearance of the inverts is said to have been instrumental in hastening the creation of the stamp plant; but in addition to the feeling of national pride that runs high in the southern countries there is a wide movement to foster and conserve home industries in all republics. The cynic who reads in the newspapers of the "graft" burdens that are said to be slowly crushing Cuba may ask whether instead of an improvement in philatelic conditions, the new regime will not give a fillip to the zeal of the grafters and afford a new field for their enterprise.

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Longing—Mr. F. E. Goodwin, whose series on the stamps of the United States, now appearing in the Weekly, occasions so much commendation intends to write with fullest attention to the wealth of detail afforded by the stamps, on the subject of the one, three and ten cent of the issue of 1851. In order that his monograph be authoritative and advanced in its revelations of research, he wishes to "beg, borrow or buy" the stamps named in singles, pairs, strips, blocks, and also with plate-numbers, imprints, scarce cancellations, etc. We hope that Mr. Goodwin's laudable desire to more thoroughly exploit these stamps than ever before will be fully appreciated. It may be added that President Cornwall of the American Philatelic Society has asked Mr. Goodwin to assist the committee having in charge the work of preparation of the U. S. catalogue.

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At Last—Good news from the front. Parnassus Penflip has accepted our truce and again will his verbal scintillations dazzle our readers. Hear him: "I make obeisance to the clamorous multitude hungry for the pabulum that flows from my quill. I feel the surge of hot philatelic blood in my veins; and I feel that an answer to your respectful request for my opinion of the coming stamp season should be feeling vouchsafed. I feel that it will reach a zenith of opulence that will make all who picnic under the umbrageous tree of philately, affluent and affable. Yours with feeling, Parnassus Penflip." Great little feeler is Parnassus.

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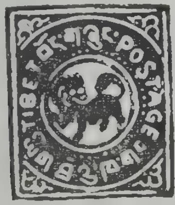

(By courtesy of W. T. Wilson.)

The stamp is very crudely designed, and just as crudely printed, yet it bears traces of the Dalai Lama's recent long residence within the guardian Empire of India. It has evidently drawn its frame and spandrel ornamentation from the same value of the Edwardian 1 anna stamp of India. In the place of the central portrait, however, there is the mysterious looking beast identified as the white lion of Tibet. Possibly by an error of drawing the white lion is shewn in colour on a white ground.

The inscriptions are in native and English characters, the latter reading "Tibet-Postage." The native characters are interpreted as (at top) POD — Tibet, SHUNG—Government; (below) YIG — letter, THE-HU — postage or stamp, KHA—anna, KANG—one.

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Chapter XII.

24 Cents, Issue of 1861-1868.

What the collector lacks in multiplicity of shades and cancellations in the 12 cents black he can make up in the 24 cents. For when the student of stamps feels that he had gathered about all the collectible things in this stamp the market affords, and has neatly placed several pages safely away, another stamp will arrive to take a place among the others. In fact the writer believes there is no stamp except the 1 and 3 cents of the preceding issue—1851-1857—which admits of such varied arrangement as the one now under consideration.

The one very bad feature of the 24 cents is that one seldom finds one which can truly be called fine. If one is found lightly cancelled, it will be badly off-center. If fairly well centered, an atrocious daub of ink will trouble the collector.

Patience and perseverance will accomplish wonders in the collecting of stamps, and a fine showing can be made, if one uses his eyes to advantage, and his power of comparison constantly.

Like the stamps which have been described recently, this denomination was also printed for August delivery. Unlike the others there is no distinguishing mark to show one whether he has a $40 stamp or one catalogued at 75 cents. Only the expert can take the 24 cents of August and September, and detect the money-difference.

The character of the paper is first considered in making sure whether the stamp under study is of issue of August or September. The paper will be slightly yellowish white (and so, too, are some of the Septembers, caused by gum stain), very thin and brittle. In fact the paper is so susceptible to damage that many an August has probably gone to the scrap-pile through carelessness.

Two shades of 24 cents August are chronicled—violet and deep violet.

The stamp was printed from plate No. 6, and between 200,000 and 250,000 were made and sent out before the change to September color and paper was made.

Early in September, 1861, the change was made. The second stamps also were printed from plate No. 6, proving that no change was made to distinguish the two varieties, as was the case with the others earlier described. The first colors of the so-called September printing were red lilac and gray lilac, followed by gray and the scarce steel blue. Another shade, not mentioned by writers, except to state that it is a possible chemical changeling, is the green-blue. If this is, as has been stated, a chemical changeling, it is due to atmospheric action, because copies are found on original cover, which have never passed through the hands of the acid-artists and all alike in that peculiar shade of greenish lilac.

Later on the red was omitted from the tint which made the earlier stamps a shade of lilac, and the slate was produced.

Still later the colors were all jumbled up, and a considerable variety of shades were produced to the disgust of the general collector, and delight of the specialist. Mr. Luff mentions the following appearing with year dates 1863 and later:

Violet, black violet, brown violet, lilac, gray lilac, gray, red lilac, deep red lilac.

The cancellations in black are most common—in fact about every nine out of ten stamps of this denomination are badly smeared with some form of black cancellation. Pen cancellations are not common, and owing to the delicate tints used in the inks the cleaning of the stamps to make unused ones is not very successful. Red cancellations are rather scarce, and green very hard to get. Combinations of black and red are more common than red without black showing.

The grille was applied in 1867.

Up to the time the grille was employed there were 10,056,990 stamps printed. But it must not be believed for a moment that this number were put out for sale in ungrilled condition. During the time the grille was used there were printed 234,175 stamps. When the issue was withdrawn there were 268,450 stamps destroyed. The grilled stamp is not exceptionally rare. It can be said that no care was taken in running the stamps through the embossing machine, for they will be found with grilles split top and bottom, or on the sides, with an occasional true double grille. I believe that some day the side-roller grille, described in the chapter on the 3 cents 1861-1868, will be turned up on this stamp.

It has been written that the embossed stamp is found only in the gray lilac shade. In this I disagree. I know that the red lilac shade was so grilled, because I have one stamp in my collection in this shade, and have possessed two—one of which was disposed of to a specialist. In fact my grilles of 24 cents show six distinct shades so that the handbooks are wrong in describing the shade of grilled stamps.

There are but two sizes of grilles so far as I have been able to learn or find. They are 9x13½, showing 12x17 points, and 9x13, with 12x16 points. Perhaps there are other sizes. Will students inform us?

The stamp was reprinted in 1875 for the Centennial, and the reprint is a scarce stamp which any collector might be proud to possess. It can be determined by the texture and hardness of paper, being printed on very white, hard paper. The color is deep violet. Only a few were sold to the public, as most of them were destroyed.

This stamp is one of the series which was over-printed "Specimen." It is a very pretty shade of violet, and usually better centered than the regular issue.

Proofs on India paper and cardboard should be collected. They will come in handy for study and reference sometime. And, further, they will be eagerly sought for shortly, when stamp collectors get the habit of studying their stamps deeply.

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CHRONICLE OF NEW ISSUES AND VARIETIES

Edited by HENRY A. KIDDER.

Any information regarding new issues will be gratefully received and acknowledged. Address HENRY A. KIDDER, 17 Addison St., Arlington, Mass. Letters calling for a reply should contain a self-addressed, stamped envelope. We cannot give applicants the addresses of our correspondents. Correspondence regarding precancelled stamps must be sent to FRANK B. ELDREDGE, Attleboro, Mass., when due credit will be given in this department.

UNITED STATES.—A Washington dispatch dated Sept. 29 says: As the result of the conferences held here last week between postmasters of the metropolitan centers, the Postoffice Department announced today that arrangements have been made for the engraving and manufacture of a series of 12 postage stamps of novel size and design for use in the parcels post system. The stamps will be larger than the ordinary stamp and will be of attractive design and distinctive color to prevent confusion. The first series will depict the transportation of mail by pony express, railway, automobile, aeroplanes, etc., while the second will show the four classes of postal employes at work. The third series will give industrial scenes. The stamps will be ready by Dec. 1, as the parcels post system starts Jan. 1.

The *Philatelic Gazette* reports the 1c Postal Savings Envelope on white paper, watermarked U. S. S. E. The same paper says: There is still on hand a considerable supply of the old paper with the double lined watermark for use on hand presses which print stamps in sheets of 200 only. Only four stamps are now on this list, namely the ordinary 50c and $1, and the same values for the Postal Savings system. 30c and 50c Postage Due have not been printed for a number of years, but a four hundred subject plate was made for each of these some time ago. The watermark seems to be more common sideways recently, which is simply due to the cutting of the paper and of no philatelic importance.

The following new precancels have been reported since last chronicle, by Lowell J. Ragatz, Frank B. Eldredge and Edward Howard:

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Sanford, Maine, 2c 1912, normal, type I.
Chicago, Ill., 1c 1912, normal, Schermack No. 3, type V.
Racine, Wis., 1c 1912, normal, type VI.
Chicago, Ill., 1c 1912, inverted, upper line a hair line, type V.
Akron, O., 2c 1912, normal, type V.
Elgin, Ill., 1c 1912, normal, type II.
Providence, R. I., 4c 1910, reading up, type IV.
La Crosse, Wis [illegible] 1c 1910, normal, type III.
New Haven, Co[illegible]2c 1912, normal, type III.
Ashland, Ohio, 8c [illegible]2, normal, type V.
Ashland, Ohio, 10c 1911, normal, type V.
Chester, Pa., 1c 1911, normal, type I.
Milwaukee, Wis., 1c 1912, reading up, type V.

ANGOLA—*Maury's Collectionneur* reports two more provisionals to be added to the list printed in No. 1130. The 75r rose of 1902 and 75r lilac of 1903 have been surcharged "Republica" and new value the former in violet and the latter in black.

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BARBADOS.—The *Philatelic Gazette* reports that all the stock of the old arms type stamps were burned by order of the Government, August 14.

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CHILE.—*La Revista Filatelica*, says:

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DENMARK.—The postal authorities of the Kingdom have branched out in a new direction, having issued a stamp larger in size and of a higher value than have before been seen in Danish stamps, a specimen having been shown us by the New England Stamp Co. The stamp is of the value of 5 kroner, and the size 37x20 mm., the stamp being a horizontal oblong. The stamp is roughly executed, the design showing a picture of the Central Post Office at Copenhagen, dated "1912." The frame is in a different color from the central picture, and has "Dannmark," in a curved line at the top, with large post horns in the upper corners, and the figures of value in large ovals in the lower corners. "Kroner" is printed in a tablet across the bottom between the figures of value. The stamps are printed on paper watermarked Crown, two crowns appearing on each stamp, and perforated 13.

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EAST AFRICA AND UGANDA.—Whitfield King & Co. have now shown us the 6c value, with head of King George, announced some time since. There is no change in the design except the King's head.

Adhesive.

6c scarlet.

GUATEMALA.—Edwin W. Fuss has shown us three new provisionals from Guatemala, made by surcharging three values of the 1902 set in various ways. The 20c rose lilac and black has been surcharged "1 UN CENTAVO 1" at the bottom, with the date "1912" placed over the old date, "1902" in the upper right corner. The 50c red brown and blue has been surcharged "2 CENTAVOS 2" at the bottom, and dates, "1912" have been placed in each of the upper corners. The 75c gray lilac and black has been surcharged "CINCO CENTAVOS" at the bottom, with new date, "1912" over the old date in the lower right hand corner. The new value is placed in the upper corners, a large figure "5" being printed over each "75." The printing is very poorly done. All surcharges are in black.

Provisional Adhesives.

1c on 20c rose lilac and black.
2c on 50c red brown and blue.
5c on 75c gray lilac and black.

MARTINIQUE.—*Maury's Collectionneur* gives the following as the quantities printed of the recently issued provisionals:

5c on 15c, 453,000; 5c on 25c, 125,000; 10c on 40c, 37,000; 10c on 5fr, 36,000.

NEW ZEALAND.—The *Australian Philatelist* for June reported the discovery of copies of the current 6d stamps printed in brown, the color of the 5d. It was stated on good authority that when 6d stamps were ordered from the Government Printer early this year he had an insufficient supply of carmine ink and endeavored to eke it out by adding some of the brown ink used for the 5d. This resulted in a color much nearer brown than carmine but it was used for the last few sheets of the order.

In the July number of the *Australian Stamp Journal* there is a flat contradiction of this story and an "official explanation" that the stamps in the wrong color "had been returned from an office where there had been a fire and that the change of color was due to the excessive heat." The experiment of baking some 6d stamps resulted in brown stamps but they also had brown gum, whereas the supposed errors had white gum. Apparently it remains to be proved which story is correct.

PERSIA.—*Scott's Circular* reports having found 1, 2, 3 and 6ch of the 1909 issue, overprinted "Service" at the top in the type used for the official stamps of 1902-03, and Persian characters at the bottom.

PORTUGUESE INDIA. — Another provisional should be added to the list of those recently issued, specimens having been shown us by Whitfield King & Co. The 2½r yellow brown of 1902, being surcharged "2—Reis" twice, and perforated vertically. The "Republica" surcharge is lacking on this stamp.

Provisional Adhesive.

On Issue of 1902-3.
"2 Reis" on 2½r yellow brown.

SURINAM.—We are informed by Whitfield King & Co. that a 10 cent value was included in the list of provisionals recently chronicled, and *Ewen's Weekly* gives the color, but we have not yet seen it.

Provisional Adhesive.

10c slate.

BRITISH AUTOMATIC FRANKS.

The automatic franking machine which was on trial at the G. P. O. from January 25th last, has now been returned, the last day of use being 31–8–1912. It will be remembered that by placing a penny in a slot and turning a handle, after inserting the letter in an opening, the letter was stamped with a red circular device, consisting of an outer line, within which, at the top,was inscribed in a curve "London E C" below this a large 1D then in a straight line the words "Postage Paid" and below this an Imperial Crown. A notice appeared recently in the *Post Office Gazette* stating that this device would no longer be accepted as showing Postage Paid and that all envelopes found in the post showing it were to be treated as unpaid.—*Marsh's Circular.*

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Chas. G. Brown, Jr., sends in a new yearly. We are grateful also for the ten centers and we enroll every one a booster who sends in a new name. Boost, booster, boost-test!

THE MANAGING EDITOR.

COMING AUCTION SALES.

(For the benefit of our advertisers as well as subscribers we shall keep all sales posted and desire early receipt of catalogs that dates may be promptly entered.)

Oct. 12.—Wolsieffer's, No.122, at the C. P. S. club room, when collection of Scott Jordan of Chicago and several minor properties will be sold, 300 lots of U. S. and colonies and fine range of foreign, especially British colonies.

Oct. 18-19.— R. P. Lee collection of U. S. and foreign stamps by Philadelphia Stamp Co.

Oct. 24-25.—Nassau Stamp Co. will sell the collection of Wm. Uhlman.

Oct. 30.— B. L. Drew & Co., Boston, a "20th Century" sale.

THE TRIANGLE REBUS.

When the triangle rebus was announced it was stated that all designs but one were illustrated in Scott's catalog. Certainly number 5 will prove a stickler to one who relies upon catalog illustrations. To the score who have sent in lists minus number 5 we offer the suggestion that this is a European stamp listed by Scott and the illustration shown in the catalog does not apply to the stamp. We offer this word in view of our preliminary statement. Take your collection, look it over and find this triangle and send in supplementary word by Oct. 18.

A PHILATELIC CLUB IN LONDON.

During the week of the Jubilee Stamp Exhibition the demand for a central philatelic rendezvous in London, as advocated at the last Congress, will be put to a practical test. With characteristic enterprise the Exhibition Executive is providing an attractive social club in the Exhibition building itself, for the comfort and convenience of visitors, which will doubtless be appreciated by the foreign and provincial philatelists visiting London at that time, as well as by those of the Metropolis. A well appointed club room, reserved exclusively for members and their friends, is being fitted up on the first floor of the Royal Horticultural Hall, where facilities for reading, writing, interviews, etc., will be provided, and light refreshments served at special charges. Members of the Philatelic Club will also have the privilege of having their correspondence addressed to them care of the Club, and there will be various other concessions.

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WITH THE BOY PHILATELIST.

Edited by BERTRAM W. H. POOLE, Box 231, Altadena, Calif.

We propose to insert upon this page matter that will be of interest to the boy collector. Some two thousand boys are now on our mailing list and it is our desire to come closely in contact with them in such a manner as will be most helpful. Any information desired will be cheerfully rendered through these columns. Do not submit stamps for examination.

THE BEGINNERS' GUIDE.

PROOFS AND ESSAYS.

Certain imperforate stamps are described in Scott's catalogue as being only "finished proofs" while the terms "proofs" and "essays" frequently occur in philatelic literature so that it is as well for the beginner to have some sort of idea of what is meant by these words.

An ESSAY is any design suitable for a postage stamp submitted to the proper authorities in printed form, but which was never made use of.

A PROOF is a printed impression taken from a die or plate, incomplete or quite completed so far as design is concerned, of a stamp design actually issued for use.

The essential point of difference between them is that an essay is a print from a design that only reached the proposal stage, while a proof is a print from a design or part of a design which was accepted for use.

Essays owe their existence to a variety of causes but most of them originate when a Government invites suitable designs for a new stamp or series. From the original drawings submitted a few are perhaps selected as likely to prove suitable and engravings are made of these, the exact size the stamps are to be, from which the final selection of designs may be made. The ones rejected as unsuitable or not so good as the others are essays. Or, perhaps, when new stamps are wanted the Government printers are instructed to submit prints of suitable designs and any of these not adopted become essays. In fact practically any design submitted in printed form to the proper authorities with an idea of its being used as a postage stamp and then not so used is an essay. As a rule essays are not easy to obtain and some are extremely rare. They are however, of the greatest interest to the specialist and their inclusion in a collection adds considerably to its philatelic and historic value.

Proofs, as we have already shown, are really trial printings of designs actually used for postage stamps and these may be sub-divided into two classes—die-proofs and plate-proofs.

Die-proofs are impressions taken from an original or subsidiary die either during the process of engraving or when finished and ready for transference to the transfer-roll. When engraving a die the engraver takes impressions of his work at frequent intervals to see if everything is progressing as satisfactorily as it should be. As a rule these impressions are thrown in the waste-paper basket and destroyed but sometimes they are saved and come on the market and are eagerly absorbed by specialists. When a die is complete impressions are taken and submitted to the proper quarters for approval before the work of "laying down" the plate commences. These die-proofs are not uncommon so far as many United States issues are concerned but of the stamps of some countries they are well-nigh unobtainable.

Plate proofs are proofs taken from a plate and here again they may be prints taken from an unfinished plate or one quite ready for the actual process of printing. In the case of plate proofs from unfinished plates we get such varieties as impressions of the Hayti designs of 1891-95 before the numerals had been inserted in the upper angles, or impressions of the early British stamps without the corner letters. When a proof is taken from a plate in the color which has been decided upon for that particular denomination it frequently differs from the issued stamps only from the fact that it is imperforate. As a rule proofs are taken in black ink as in this color it is much easier to detect any imperfections. Sometimes prints are taken in all sorts of colors before any decision is arrived at regarding what colors shall be used for the different denominations in a series. These are usually known as *color-trials.* Occasionally, too, proofs are printed in different colors on paper of various kinds and colors, all of these being proofs. Sometimes proofs are printed in various colors and on all sorts of papers and then gummed and perforated like the issued stamps. As a rule these are made when some difficulty is experienced in deciding upon the most suitable color combination for a stamp. Being finished in every detail the "powers that be" can tell exactly how any given colors will appear when the stamps are ready for sale to the public.

Essays and proofs, while of the greatest interest to the specialist and philatelic student, hardly come within the scope of the beginner or general collector. Speaking generally they are easily distinguishable from the ordinary issued stamps but there are some cases where they constitute a real danger to the unwary collector. As an instance we may point to the rare 3c scarlet of the United States series of 1862-66. The genuine stamp is a rarity while the imperforate proof in practically the same color and on practically the same paper is by no means uncommon. Clever but dishonest individuals, therefore, take the proof, add fictitious perforations, and then try to sell it as the genuine 3c scarlet. Plate proofs of most of the stamps of the United States can be obtained at comparatively small cost so that the trick of adding perforations to deceive the uninitiated is one that has often been played. It therefore behooves the inexperienced collector to be careful in purchasing unused copies of the rarer stamps to be sure that he is not buying perforated proofs. And the only safe way is to purchase rarities only from firms of good standing who can give a guarantee that the stamp sold is what it is represented to be.

PARCELS POST STAMPS.

Series to be Placed on Sale New Year's Day.

(Clipping from Jos. Wood.)

WASHINGTON, Sept. 30.—When the new parcels post system becomes operative Jan. 1, 12 new stamps will be placed on sale in post offices for affixing to packages. These stamps will be larger than the ordinary postage stamps. Arrangements already made by Postmaster General Hitchcock for their engraving and manufacture provide for a series of an even dozen so distinctive as to color and size as to prevent possible confusion with other stamps.

The 12 stamps will be issued in three series of designs. In the first series modern methods of transporting mail will be illustrated. The mail car of a railway train will be shown on one stamp; an ocean steamer will be shown on another; the third will have a motor wagon of the type used in the postal service, and the fourth will show a mail-carrying aeroplane. Postal employes will be shown at work in the second series. The figures will be those of railway mail clerks, post office clerks, city letter carriers and rural free delivery carriers. The third series will represent four industrial zones, showing the principal sources of products that will be transported most extensively by parcels post.

By Dec. 1 the stamps will probably be ready for distribution to the 60,000 post offices in the country.

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OUR BOOK REVIEW.

Mr. J. C. Auf der Heide, of Holland, has sent us a very neat brochure entitled (*translated*) "Handbook of all the Postage stamps of Netherlands and Colonies, with Lists of all the Paper, Perforation, Type and Shade Varieties." The book contains 141 pages, with a page plate of Jacques Wiener (1815-1899), the engraver of the first Dutch stamps, four of the retouches of the 1852 issue, enlarged, three of the retouches of the 1864 issue, enlarged, two of the types of the 1867 issue, enlarged, and one of the types of the 1 gulden "Coronation" stamp, enlarged. All the issues are finely illustrated in half-tone, full size, as well. A chapter is also given to counterfeit stamps and postmarks.

Following Holland, the Dutch Indies, Curaçao and Surinam are given the same attention.

In a short preface we are told (subject to our own limitations in Dutch) that the family of Thurn and Taxis anciently had the monopoly of the post in the Netherlands until the States of Holland took it over and modeled it upon the English postal system. Under Napoleon it was conducted more on French ideas, naturally, but was considerably improved in 1818 under King William I. In 1850 it was reorganized on the English plan adopted in the United Kingdom in 1840. On April 12, 1850, a decree announced the issue of the first Dutch postage stamps for the 1st of January, 1851; but another decree, of 22nd December, 1850, postponed the issue until the 31st of December, 1851, and, as we know now, they appeared on January 1st, 1852.

The author acknowledges his indebtedness to "Kohl's Briefmarken Handbuch und Grosser Katalog" and Mr. Melville's popular work on "Holland," from which he was enabled through Mr. Peckitt's kindness to employ the illustrations for the retouches of the 1852-4 issues and the type varieties of 1867.

The work can be obtained for 60 cents of J. C. Auf der Heide, S. H. D., Koornstraat 31c, Hilversum, Netherlands.

A DISTINGUISHED SOCIETY.

The Philatelic Society of Sweden, with nearly 1200 active members, has the honor of having its membership list headed by the Crown Prince of Sweden, the King of England, and the Postmaster General of Sweden. As the Society's membership list gives the occupation of each member, it is interesting to observe the vocations from which the membership has been recruited. The Stockholm and Gothenburg sections of the Society have together somewhat over 300 members. Amongst these we find 18 officers in the army, 7 bankers, 44 wholesale merchants, 27 retail merchants, 20 lawyers, 22 doctors, 35 cashiers and clerks, 18 engineers, 6 architects, 7 post officials, 2 professors, 26 government officials, 3 druggists, 8 consuls, 6 manufacturers, 16 managing directors, and 5 artists.

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PHILATELIC FACTS AND FALLACIES.

By L. HARALD KJELLSTEDT, F. R. P. S.

In addressing myself to those who have recently entered the philatelic game, my only desire is to give them the benefit of a few experiences purchased for a cash consideration by one who is only collecting in a small way but who has been steadily at it for many years. There are those who always preach that stamp collecting should be done for pleasure's sake and should be divorced from all thoughts of money values or monetary returns. I am inclined to believe that these apostles of purity are either entirely theoretical or else are so abundantly supplied with cash that the outlay for their collections cuts no figure. For my own part, I belong to the great majority to which the constantly increasing high cost of living is a problem difficult to solve. As the solution involves a curtailing of expenses for pleasures, the stamp collection has to take its share of this curtailment, and it becomes imperative to know that the money we spend on stamps is not spent foolishly. One of the pitfalls of the beginner is his desire to cover the whole field at once. I know that the temptation, backed as it is by an abundance of enthusiasm, is very great, but if the collector can master this temptation and will take up one country at the time, carrying it towards reasonable completion, he will be more satisfied in the end. Printed albums with loose leaves are in the market and these enable the collector to purchase leaves for only one country at the time. Concentrated efforts always produce more satisfactory results than scattered efforts and this is true in stamp collecting as well as in everything else that we undertake. If a collector feels inclined to run a country beyond the limitations of the printed album, then the blank album is to be recommended, and an early start with the latter may just as well be made because it is what the serious collector will come to in the end, anyway. A general collection, housed in a ponderous volume which exhibited about 10,000 blank spaces caused me to drop the collection and general collecting in disgust. If I had been provided with a sectional loose leaf album from the beginning, filling in the less expensive issues in one country at the time, I would probably have been at it yet.

As a rule, the young collector with his first catalogue becomes possessed of highly exaggerated ideas as to the importance of catalogue values. In a few instances stamps in extra fine condition may be worth the full catalogue quotation, and even more, but these are scarce stamps sought by those who can afford to pay connoisseur's prices. The great majority of stamps are purchased by the dealers at prices enormously out of proportion with catalogue values. One serious fallacy in regard to catalogue values is the beginner's ignorance or disregard of the importance of the *condition* of the stamps he buys. A poor copy of a rare stamp is only worth a small fraction of its listed value, and a poor copy of a common stamp is not worth anything, and should not even be given away. The disregard of condition when purchasing stamps has caused collectors more disappointments and serious losses than all other philatelic pitfalls and fallacies combined. I have been there myself and know what I am talking about. When I started a general collection, I turned to a large and reputable house for packages of stamps, sets, and single specimens. I was isolated from other collectors and deprived of experienced advice, consequently I accepted in good faith as fine the condition of the stamps I received. The single stamps I purchased at a discount of 10% on catalogue prices. One day they sent me a stamp from Holstein which was trimmed within the design and had one corner hanging by a shred. This certainly did not look fine to me, and having my suspicions aroused I decided to try another dealer whose advertisements laid stress on the condition of his goods. The first approval selection I received from him was an eyeopener. I found that the stamps I had purchased during a whole year were rather indifferent as far as condition was concerned and as a result, I had to spend money on better specimens with which to replace those that looked the poorest. This was many years ago, and the condition standard was not quite as high as it is today but

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MILWAUKEE AERO CANCELLATION.

By ARTHUR T. BROWNE.

In my article on "The Development of the United States Aeroplane Mail," the second instalment of which appeared in this paper September 28, I stated, under the caption "None From Wisconsin," "that, no aeroplane cancellations were used in either Milwaukee or Watertown, Wis." I have since learned that an aeroplane cancellation was used at a meet held in Milwaukee, May 30-June 1, although at the time I wrote that there were no aero cancellations in Wisconsin, I had letters from postmasters in both places to that effect. I therefore tender my apologies to Wisconsin, particularly to Milwaukee. This cancellation should be number 14 in the list. The other cancellations, after Cicero, Ill., (No. 13) should be advanced one number.

No. 14—Milwaukee, Wis.

The fourteenth aeroplane cancellation was used at a meet held in Milwaukee, Wis., May 30, May 31 and June 1, 1912. The aviator was Farnham Fish. The meet was held at the State Fairgrounds, about five miles west of the city. A postal station was established on the grounds. Mail was carried from the grounds to the West Allis Branch of the Milwaukee postoffice, about a half mile distant. From there it was carried to the city proper by rail.

Both the postmark and cancellation were in blue ink. The postmark was circular in shape. At the top were the words "Aeroplane Station." In the center was the date. At the bottom were the words "Milwaukee, Wis." The cancellation consisted of four heavy lines, about one-eighth of an inch in thickness. The top and bottom lines were one and one-eighth inches in length. The second and third lines were broken. In the space where the lines were broken, were the words "U. S. Mail" in type about this size. This cancellation is similar to those used at Oakland and Sacramento, California.

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—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from Ben Delovage, R. Livingston Bodge, F. W. Lynes (4), Geo. C. Hale, Jr., Gerald D. Bliss, James M. Woltz, Alfon J. A. Stark, R. E. Jessup (2), John A. Muchmore, Bernard Hoisholt, Jr., H. T. Willcox, Edward Howard (4).

—L. Harald Kjellstedt has been elected an honorary member of the Pacific Philatelic Society of San Francisco. Henry J. Crocker is the president of the Society.

—Are you boosting?

—Numerous subscribers have sent us clippings dealing with the new parcels post series of stamps. This clipping however appeared last week, thanks to Joseph Wood who was the first to send it in.

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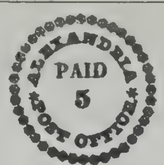

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By FRANK E. GOODWIN.

CHAPTER XIII.

30 Cents, Issue of 1861-1868.

There seems to be little out of the ordinary which can be said of the 30 cents, orange. And yet there are a few matters known to the specialist and unknown to the general collectors, or newcomers which must be said to complete the story of Specialized United States.

Like all of the preceding stamps of this issue the 30 cents was made a part of the August issue—so-called. And like the 24 cents there is nothing except a difference in shade and the character of the paper upon which it was printed, to prove its existence. The August stamp is a sort of reddish orange in color, was printed from plate No. 7, and about 100,000 copies were struck off before the change in color and paper was made for the September deliveries, and later.

That there is no plate characteristic by which the September stamp can be separated from its August brother is proven by the fact that the September "sticker" was also printed from plate No. 7. And later, when the grilling process was applied to the entire issue, plate 7 was continued in use.

The September stamp first came out printed in pale orange, which, in comparison with the rarer and earlier color, looks washed out and sickly. It was apparent that the printers, and the powers in Washington, were not satisfied with this shade, and it was deepened into a true orange, and a little later to deep orange, to which can be added a red orange, almost a counter-part of the August color, but upon the September paper.

This gives the collector four true shades in the ungrilled variety.

In August, 1867, the 30 cents of this issue was, like its fellow stamps, put through the grilling machine. The stamp is chronicled as being grilled all over. Some experts declare that in this form it was designed for postal use, and others are just as positive that it is merely a form of essay.

Be that as it may I do not believe that the average collector need to worry his brain over lack of it, nor need he leave a vacant space for its future reception. Few will ever possess the 30 cents with grille covering the entire stamp, and unless he be possessed of considerable wealth, a copy of the stamp would be likely to excite suspicion that it is bogus.

The historian says that 3,224,410 stamps were printed before the use of the grille was noted.

If one wishes to possess a real rare variety of this stamp he should be on the watch for a pair unperforated. For be it known that at least one or two sheets did pass through the watchful guards of the printing department without being punched between. As large margins are occasionally found an unperforated stamp in single shape should be accepted "as is."

Only two sizes of grilles have been noted in this stamp, namely, 9x13½, showing 12x17 points; and 9x13 showing 12x16 points.

Each size is found in shades of orange and deep orange.

Perhaps further study of this stamp will bring out other varieties of grilles and shades. I have a copy of the 9x13 double perforated vertically.

There were 282,740 stamps printed after the grilles were applied. But like the stamps which have been described prior to this chapter it is certain that many of those earlier printed were put through the grilling machine.

This stamp either grilled or ungrilled is hard to find in fine or superb condition. Most of the stamps are badly off center, and the postmasters seemed to take especial delight in seeing how much ink they could apply to the receipt for postage. A red cancellation is very rare, and I believe a green cancellation is much to be sought for. I have yet to see one. It seems likely that Paid cancellations would exist, but I have yet to see one. But then my stock of these stamps for examination have been rather limited, and time will likely bring forth new things, as I am certain that the great interest which is being taken in this series of articles will cause collectors to write of their treasured possessions and finds.

(*To be continued.*)

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The one-cent stamp is green and in the center appears, within a circle, a bust of Balboa, discoverer of the Pacific ocean, looking to the left, and wearing a cuirass and a helmet with a plume. On either side of the background are palm trees, with the ocean in the foreground. Below the portrait, in a horizontal panel breaking the circle, are the words "Balboa, 1513."

The two-cent stamp is red. It represents the Gatun locks of the Panama canal, with a merchant steamer emerging from one lock and a warship in the other. The mountains of the isthmus appear in the distance, and palm trees on the right hand side of the locks. Beneath the picture are the words "Gatun Locks."

The five-cent stamp is blue, and presents the Golden Gate of San Francisco harbor, with the setting sun in the background and a steamer and sailing vessel in the bay. The words "Golden Gate" appear below the picture.

The ten-cent stamp is dark yellow. The subject is "Discovery of San Francisco Bay," from a painting which represents the discovering party looking out upon the distant bay.

All of the new stamps are fine examples of the engraver's art. The Postmaster General has directed that 80,000,000 one cent, 150,000,000 two cent, 8,000,000 five cent and 5,000,000 ten cent stamps be prepared, and that they be placed on sale in post offices beginning January 1, 1913.

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*26	" 50c violet	.25	.15
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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

EDITORIAL.

Progress—A despatch was sent from Washington, under date of October 5th, that by this time has appeared more or less prominently in thousands of newspapers throughout our "fair" land. The announcement which comes from an authoritative source gives a *quietus* to the report that was current several weeks ago that only a single stamp, the two-cent would compose the Panama-Pacific "set" of commemoratives. Proofs of the following described stamps have been accepted and the newspaper list may be taken as final, we doubt not: "The one-cent stamp is green and bears a portrait of Balboa; the two-cent is red with an engraving of the Gatun locks; the five-cent is blue, with an engraving of the Golden Gate, and the ten-cent is a dark orange, bearing a reproduction of the painting, 'Discovery of San Francisco Bay'." It is told that the postmaster-general has ordered the preparation by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing of 80,000,000 of the one-cent; 150,000,000 of the two-cent; 8,000,000 of the five-cent and 5,000,000 of the ten-cent denomination; and it is the intention to place the stamps on sale at all post-offices on January 1st, 1913. Recently, the design of the two-cent stamp was described with some attention to detail and the other stamps are to be uniform in shape and size with the stamp that previously had been approved. San Francisco is fortunate in having the department equip it with so effective an advertising medium so long before the exhibition becomes an actuality; and it is reasonable to say that the advantage is one of almost immeasurable benefit. Collectors will patiently await the coming of the stamps which have been given a due meed of publicity in their publications.

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Still at It—What has become of the old-fashioned collector who bought sheets of "gummed paper" and cut the hinges to suit himself? Perhaps, he has joined hands with the o. f. c., who, when once a stamp was placed in his book would not remove it for any consideration or under any circumstances.

Trouble Brews—Our political department. At the meeting of the Chicago Philatelic Society held October 3rd, our special correspondent reports that a straw vote was taken for the presidency, just after a debate on the subject: Was the lot of the old-time collector happier than that of the collector of today? was decided in the negative, much to the hilarity of the reactionaries and disgust of the progressives. Fuel was added to the flame when the result of the straw vote was announced and the "rising tumult" of the excited partizans forced the conviction that the scene was not one that could be witnessed by a special correspondent of a moral sheet such as the WEEKLY. Teddy's name lead all the rest.

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A Bit Late—Mr. B. F. Garnett, Elgin, Illinois, sent us some time ago, particulars of the much-discussed Sarmiento commemorative stamp of Argentine; and in view of the speculation in both senses of the word that the stamp has engendered, some of Mr. Garnett's remarks are appended: "This stamp was in use one day only in celebration of the birth of Domingo Faustina Sarmiento, who was born in 1811 and died in 1888. As an opponent to Rosas in politics, he was exiled in 1831 but returned in 1836 only to be exiled again in 1840. He served with Urquiza against Rosas in 1851 and assisted in framing the constitution in 1853. Sarmiento was minister to the United States in 1864-68 and president of the Argentine Republic in 1868-74. He founded many educational institutions and labored zealously for the promotion of learning. The Sarmiento special stamp was sold out in many post-offices by noon on Sarmiento's birthday; and much speculation in the stamp followed. It has been offered to the philatelist in the United States by dealers at prices ranging from twenty-five to fifty cents but from the date of issue until the middle of December last, the stamp could be had at thirteen cents, our money, in Buenos Aires. I purchased many copies at this price from my correspondent and at date have been offered all I want at twenty cents each, used and unused. The stamps of Argentine are on a silver basis, one dollar in silver equaling forty-three cents in U. S. gold. Claims that the stamp was selling at from fifty to seventy-five cents meant that the price ranged from twenty-two to thirty-two cents in our gold."

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Straws—Indications are not lacking that the 35 ore surcharges on the 16 and 20 ore, 1874-79 and 32 ore green, official, 1874, Denmark, respectively, are destined to be desirable. The Denmark, portrait of King Frederick VIII in light blue or ultramarine, described in our issue of August 31st, is in demand by the specialist in particular and seemingly is of limited supply. A cover has just been received from Chile with a ten centavos blue with central portrait of O'Higgin in black, as it appears on the five of the current issue. A Nicaraguan specialist informs us that the postal conditions in that country are in so chaotic a condition that no one can foretell what the philatelic developments will be in the disorganized country.

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By Frank E. Goodwin.

It is good to know that stamp collectors are reading the articles now appearing in Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News on "Specialized U. S." and the information which is being brought out will be of inestimable value in the future study of the stamps of the United States. In re my recent inquiry as to the mailing point of the 3c 1867, with grille covering the entire stamp, it was, for many years supposed that this stamp was only used in Little Rock, Ark. Then Mr. Luff discovered a copy postmarked Savannah, Ga., in the collection of Mr. Deats, I believe. It then became well understood that probably these two cities represented the only ones where this stamp was furnished.

My inquiry brings out the fact that the 3c grilled all over were used at several other points.

Hugh H. Ackler, Peru, W. Va., informs me that he has a copy on entire "official business" envelope, postmarked Washington, D. C. John Paalzow, Dansville, N. Y., tells me that he had one, sold in 1894 to R. F. Albrecht & Co., which was postmarked in Sept. 1867, from Baltimore, Md.

A very interesting letter comes from Horace Jones, San Francisco. Mr. Jones says that in 1867 he was employed at a railroad office in Indianapolis, Ind. He was sent to get a sheet of 3c stamps at the postoffice, and noticed their oddity. He saved one copy, pasted it down flat in his album, and has it yet. This stamp, or rather sheet of stamps, was with grille covering the entire stamp. The next sheet he bought was grilled 11x13, and that, too, he has saved until this time.

Speaking of grilles, F. R. Cornwall, of St. Louis, president of the A. P. S., has a 3c red, or rather pale rose, which is grilled 16x17, 20x22 points. It is said to be the only copy of this size known. Has any reader a like copy?

F. D. Collins, St. Louis, has presented the writer for his collection two copies of the 2 cent 1894, and a 1 cent 1890, with the "stitch" watermark, similar to the so-called watermark in the 1847, and 1851 issues. Mr. Collins has shown me the 3c 1857, type II, with watermark.

Theodore W. Barry, Ayer, Mass., reports having a 5c and 90c 1861, with double perforations, and also 90c 1867, grilled 9x13½, 12x17 points.

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By W. Ward.

Of course the great Stamp Exhibition in London is to be in October. All the daily press has copy about it. If Exposition Secretary Johnson and President Melville cannot boom and create a record for this show, well, no one this side has an earthly show in the boosting department.

Club Secretary Armstrong tells me that the Exhibition Club will be great; he has received more applications from collectors outside England who are coming for the great Exhibition, than he ever imagined could be the number of collectors that would visit us at this time of the year. We are to have that great Swedish Collector, Baron Leijenhufyud, as the controller and Captain of this short-lived but enthusiastic reunion of collectors of all nationalities. Secretary Armstrong tells me of American collectors who are coming.

We've just got our new Gibbons. Few surprises in anything except new North Americans. What jumps! But nothing but what absolutely requires proper promotion. The earlier Canadians have decidely gone to what I expected and vouched for three years ago in Mekeel's; they get harder and harder every month. What a speculation, or properly, an investment it would be to buy up every first, second, or third rate copy one saw of the large 5c 1868 and 8c registered Canada! What is the real true value of the 2c of 1859? Who is the collector in the States that is buying all the 3d imperf. and 5c beaver Canadas that he can get?

Uncle Sam's great cut can hardly be said to promise much for other nations including Madame Brittania; but what a demand has risen for the "*Zones.*" A year ago 1, 2 & 5c values were nearly a drug on the European market. I remember last year on my continental trip going with about eight thousand assorted of all three issues, 1c to 10c (very few 8c), and practically none of the Continental dealers would look at. Today they are out of everybody's list—I am talking about the 1904's on, and excepting the 1c & 2c of the current. Where you could have a pick of the 10c stamps last year at a dime, you cannot find at face today. It is surprising, too, what an amount of good they have done to Colombias, for so many years in philatelic disgrace. Just points to what Uncle Sam has done for the Ditch Zone.

The current British stamps of course provide a deal of interest to people here, but I fear other parts of the world are getting tired of the de la Rue, Harrison, and Somerset House prints. Just heard that the famous 7d has been seen as a Somerset House print; if it's true, and I quote with all reserve, it is a real dead sure big stamp. The new 2d British, King George Orange has been royally received by the public here; though from a printing point of view, the great number of various shades of yellow to deep orange, is not in it's favor. A good many people here are collecting the Insurance stamps, which are watermarked with the new monogram. The 2d orange are also printed on this paper. Of course just yet, the people here are being influenced by political noise against the Insurance of every person by law, and do not believe that even the great Republic are anxiously wanting that which they have obtained.

The Danish are altering their stamps. They have already brought the 10 ore out in the single color figure type and I hear that many of the other frequently used values will follow suit. 'Course I don't say that the Danes are tired of repeating the process of new stamps for each monarch, but they are evidently going to save money, by having a design that will do for every reign.

Mr. D. B. Armstrong, the Editor of the *Stamp Collectors Annual* tells me that he has some very exclusive information on Stamp Values, and that the writer, "O. Reginald Gum," lately writing for the *Postage Stamp* is doing the business, and his predictions of the past few years read like an "Old Moore's Almanack." Conversant and easy-style writers on Philatelic-value subjects generally provide matter acceptable to both Editor and reader, so that I feel sure that Editor Armstrong is providing to taste. By the way, what has become of "Senax," whose articles were of so great an interest to the readers of the Weekly? A little bird whispers that he has been "called" to a higher post, for he was ordained in the Church, and that the importance of his new flock allow him little time for journalism, though his heart has not lost its feeling for philately. Wonderful, isn't it what a lot of professional men, doctors, clergymen, lawyers, that go in for stamps? Ever thought of the fact? As the advert. says —"There's a reason!"

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J. W. Scott in *Met. Philatelist.*

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UNITED STATES.—New precancels received since last report from Herman W. Boers, S. M. Schoemann, F. B. Eldredge, and D. J. Ragatz:

Chicago, Ill., 15c 1912, inverted, type V.
Lynn, Mass., 1c 1912, reading down, type III.
Battle Creek, Mich., 2c 1912, normal, type II.
Riverton, N. J., 1c 1912, normal, type I.
Boston, Mass., 5c 1910, inverted, type V.
Cleveland, Ohio, 1c 1908, Quintuple strike, type III, normal.
Cleveland, Ohio, 3c 1908, normal, double, type III.
Cleveland, Ohio, 3c 1908, inverted, double, type III.
Cleveland, Ohio, 4c 1908, inverted, double, type III.
Cleveland, Ohio, 6c 1908, inverted, double, type III.
Cleveland, Ohio, 10c 1908, inverted, double, type III.
Lansing Kas., 1c 1908, reading down, type I.
Milwaukee, Wis., 3, 4, 5c 1908, reading up, type V.
Milwaukee, Wis., 3, 10c 1908, reading down. type V.
Minneapolis, Minn., 5c 1908, normal, no lines, type V.
Philadelphia, Pa., 50c & $1.00 1908, normal, double, type II.
Philadelphia, Pa., 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 50, $1.00 1908, normal, type II, no bars at bottom.
Providence, R. I., 2c, 6c normal, 5c normal, double, 10c inverted, 15c normal, double, 1908, type V.
St. Paul, Minn., 3c 1908, reading up, type IV.
St. Louis, Mo., 1c 1908, Type I, normal, with colon after St. Louis.
St. Louis, Mo., 2c 1908, type I, normal, 15½ mm. between lines.
St. Louis, Mo., 3c nor. & inv., 4c nor., 5c nor. & inv., 6c nor. & inv., 8c nor., 10c nor. & inv., 15c normal, 1908, type III.
St. Louis, Mo., 1c, 2c, 4c, 5c, normal, Imperforate, 1908, type III.
Tiffin, Ohio, 1c 1908, Horizontal, type I.
Topeka, Kas., 1c 1908, normal, type I.
Warren, Pa., Type V, normal, in the blue ink impression, comes with and without comma after Penn., in both the 1902-03, and 1908, issues.
Chicago, Ill., 4c 1910, normal, type V, upper a hair line.
Chicago, Ill., 6c 1910, inverted, type V.
Chicago, Ill., 10c 1910, normal, upper a hair line.
Racine, Wis., 4c 1910, inverted, type VI.
Lockport, N. Y., 1c 1910, normal, type VI.
Minneapolis, Minn., 5c 1910, normal, no lower line, type VII.
New Haven, Conn., 1c 1912, normal, type III.
New York, N. Y., 1c 1912, normal, type III.
New York, N. Y., 1c 1912, normal, type IV.
Pittsburg, Pa., 1c 1912, normal, type III.
Milltown, N. J., 1c 1912, normal, type I.
West Grove, Pa., 1c 1912, normal, type III.
Providence, R. I., 1c 1912, normal, double, type IV.
Baltimore, Md., 15c 1908, normal, type II.
Cleveland, O., 2c 1912, normal, perf. 8½, type IV.
Binghampton, N. Y., 1c 1908, normal, dated 9-12, type II.
Binghampton, N. Y., 5c 1908, normal, dated 9-12, type II.
Rochester, N. Y., 1c 1912, normal, type II.
Buffalo, N. Y., 1c 1912, normal, double, type IV.
Chicago, Ill., 15c 1912, inverted, type V.
Minneapolis, Minn., 2c 1912, normal, type VI.
Chattanooga, Tenn., St. Elmo Sta., 1c 1912, normal, type IV.
Augusta, Me., 1c 1912, reading down, type II.
Akron, O., 6c 1908, normal, double, type V.
Amphere, N. J., 1c 1908, normal, type I.
Amphere, N. J., 2c 1908, normal, type I.
Ashland, Ohio, 2c 1908, normal, double, type V.
Ashland, Ohio, 3c 1908, normal, type V.
Ashland, Ohio, 1c 1908, reading up, 1 for I in OHIO, type V.
Binghampton, N. Y. 1c 1898, normal, dated 1-03, type I.
Chicago, Ill., 4c 1908, inverted, double, type V.
Chicago, Ill., 1c 1908, normal, triple, type V.
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Chicago, Ill., 15c 1908, normal, triple, type V.

William F. Palmer reports several Chicago precancels with freak letters evidently caused by too light impressions or the use of too little ink.

CANADA.—We have been informed by the New England Stamp Co. that the 1c and 2c values of the King George set have been issued in coils like the United States stamps part perforated 8½ horizontally.

CHINA.—In No. 1135, we chronicled a new surcharge as having been seen on the ½c and 1c Imperial stamps. Whitfield King & Co. now inform us that this new surcharge was printed in London. Only two values have been issued thus far, but Messrs. King are informed that all the other values up to and including $5 have been similarly surcharged, but will not be issued until the old stock is exhausted. Even these it would appear are likely soon to be superseded, for the ½c Postage Due comes over with a third type of surcharge in square form, a specimen of which we enclose. Whether this surcharge is one specially made for the Postage Due stamps or whether it will also be applied to the postage stamps, is not known. The three types of surcharge which are already chronicled are the only ones authorised by the Chinese Government, except of course the first surcharge "Provisional Neutrality" which was immediately withdrawn, although a few were issued. The various local surcharges which have been chronicled from time to time are not only unauthorised, but also unnecessary, as any unsurcharged stock not returned to Shanghai to receive the authorised surcharge could be used up without surcharge.

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Adhesive.

1pi carmine and blue.

EAST AFRICA AND UGANDA.—Hermann Focke has shown us used copies of the new 3c and 6c stamps of the King George set.

Adhesives.

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F—500 1d stamps, lower end first.
G—500 ½d stamps, top end first.
H—500 ½d stamps, lower end first.

The coils of 1000 stamps have cores of 1¼ inches diameter, and the 500 stamps coils have cores of ½ inch diameter. Each coil has a strip of tape run through the centre, green for the ½d stamps and red for the 1d. The ends of these strips of tape are sealed with a lead seal, inscribed "G R" below a crown. All the coil stamps we have seen are of type II and are perforated 15x14. An additional charge of 2d above face value is made on the 1000 stamp coils and 1d on the 500 stamp coils. While collectors will be greatly interested in these coiled stamps, there is absolutely no way to distinguish them after they are separated in the coils. Those shown us all have the new watermark. Apparently the collectible thing will be the strips of paper at the beginning and end of the coil, with the tape and lead seal. As noted above, there are eight varieties of the papers at the beginning of coils.

New Caledonia.—*Maury's Collectionneur* says that half the recently issued provisionals were sent to the Colonies. This applies to French Guinea, Martinique and Reunion, as well as New Caledonia. The number printed for the latter Colony were as follows:

5c on 15c, 65,000; 5c on 20c, 82,000; 5c on 30c, 57,000; 10c on 40c, 41,000; 10c on 50c, 37,000.

Nicaragua. — Hermann Focke has shown us a 35c envelope from Managua, the stamp being Scott's A23.

Envelope.

35c yellow green on white; 148x90 mm.

Portuguese Indies.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us another of the split provisionals recently noted.

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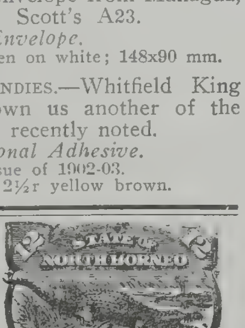

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H. A. Bascom.
Acting Colonial Postmaster.
General Post Office, Kingstown,
St. Vincent, B. W. I., 20th July, 1912.

COMMUNICATIONS.

(We do not hold ourselves responsible for the views expressed by our readers. Our columns are always open for communications of general interest.—Ed.)

To the Editor:

I note the criticism of "H", Lexington, Va., in re the Tuscumbia envelope recently illustrated in your columns. I had the pleasure of examining this envelope, through courtesy of the owner, Mr. Jac. Meyer, of New Orleans, La., and am certain this is a very interesting and rare cover.

We are learning things about the early history of our stamps, and while not as much study is being made of Confederates as they deserve, yet a considerable advancement has been made recently. There can be no doubt but 3 cents was sufficient to carry a letter from one part of the South in the early days of the civil war, as a number of covers which I have examined attests. For example—a letter would go from points in Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, and other states to other points in the Confederate States under a 3 cent stamp, issue of 1857-60, and owing to lack of envelopes they would be turned, stamped with a 5 cent Confederate and travel back again.

Without knowing the date of the Tuscumbia 3 cent postmaster's stamp, I should judge that it was made and used before the postmaster learned that a 5 cent postal rate had been ordered by the Confederate postoffice department. That the postmaster or perhaps the purchaser, had doubts about the stamp being legally good for postage to the destination of the letter might have caused the 3c U. S. stamp to be affixed. I do not pretend to know.

Of this I am certain, if I was especially interested in Confederate stamps or covers, or was specializing in these issues, someone would have to bid high on this cover to keep me from being the possessor of it, for I consider it a type of the early Confederate envelopes which will be very desirable in the future.

Frank E. Goodwin.
St. Louis, Mo.

SAN FRANCISCO ON THE MAP.

At the present time we have a membership of about 50, although there are at least 200 more collectors in this neighborhood that do not belong. I am therefore laying plans for a big meeting of every stamp collector around here, the meeting to take place at Mechanics Institute in this city on our next meeting night, October 16th. I intend to place an advertisement in all our daily papers for several days previous to the meeting and see if I cannot start something. Will have some beautiful stamps on exhibifion that night and want every collector who can possibly do so to be there. Would appreciate a notice in your paper. San Francisco has woke up and from now on there must be something doing all the time.—S. C. Marcuse.

OUR HANDBOOK No. 1.

The proprietors of our excellent American contemporary, Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News have joined the ranks of the publishers of handbooks. If the present activity in this department continues it will soon be a difficult matter to find a country which has not been "monographed" to death. However, our friend, Mr. Poole breaks comparatively new ground in the Cook Islands, so he may be forgiven. More, he may be very warmly commended for a very excellent study of these little-known issues. Our own opinion of the excellence of Mr. Poole's work may be judged from the fact that we have ventured to make an extended quotation of his chapter on the "Federation" issue of 1892 for the information of *Fortnightly*-readers. — *Fortnightly*.

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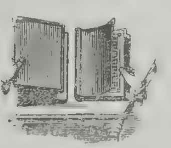

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WITH THE BOY PHILATELIST.

Edited by BERTRAM W. H. POOLE, Box 231, Altadena, Calif.

We propose to insert upon this page matter that will be of interest to the boy collector. Some two thousand boys are now on our mailing list and it is our desire to come closely in contact with them in such a manner as will be most helpful. Any information desired will be cheerfully rendered through these columns. Do not submit stamps for examination.

THE BEGINNERS' GUIDE.

Provisional Issues.

One of the most interesting classes of stamps known to philatelists is that comprising provisional or emergency issues. These stamps, as implied by their name, are issued to fill some temporary need of more or less urgency, and they owe their origin to a variety of causes. One of the most common of these causes is a sudden shortage of some particular value due, either to careless management on the part of the postal officials in keeping ample stock, or to a change in the postal rates leading to an abnormal demand for a certain value. Then, as it is not always possible to obtain new supplies at short notice, a temporary stamp of the required value has to be created. This is generally affected by applying a surcharge, denoting the new denomination required, to some other value of which there is a large surplus stock or for which there is little enquiry.

A change in postal rates necessitating the use of a new value not represented in the current series has frequently been responsible for provisionals. It is curious that in many cases where these changes have been made the authorities quite failed to realize beforehand that new stamps would be necessary and then when the new rates are in actual operation, they suddenly discover they have failed to make any provision for the necessary stamps. Supplies are hastily ordered and pending their arrival various makeshifts are issued to meet temporary demands. This has often happened in British colonies when first introducing halfpenny postage for newspapers and printed matter.

Then again war has often been responsible for the creation of provisional stamps. These may consist of special labels issued for the use of the troops on active service or they may consist of commandeered supplies of the enemy's stamps suitably overprinted to indicate the "fortune of war." Revolutions and insurrections have also had their share in the issuance of provisional stamps.

Finally, we have stamps of certain countries overprinted for use in other places. Stamps like those of Great Britain overprinted for use in the Offices maintained in the Levant, or those of New Zealand overprinted for use in Aitutaki, Niue, and Penrhyn Island can hardly be called provisionals for these are the only stamps supplied or intended to be supplied these places. But stamps like those of the United States overprinted "Philippines," those of Fiji overprinted "New Hebrides Condominium," or those of India overprinted "Zanzibar" are all legitimate provisionals although in some instances "provisional" use extends over a lengthy period. Where there is an intention to supersede an overprinted issue by one of special design then the overprinted stamps are provisionals. But where there is no intention of issuing stamps of special design then the overprinted labels can hardly be called provisional and they are certainly not "temporary."

Having mentioned most of the causes responsible for the creation of provisional issues we can now proceed to examine some of the methods by means of which provisional issues have been produced.

By far the most common method of manufacture is the application of a surcharge, or overprint. This may be done by means of a handstamp as in the case of certain Haytian stamps, some of the Niger Coast provisionals, some of those of Siam, etc., or the desired values and inscriptions may be applied by an ordinary printing machine from a composition of ordinary printer's type.

Another method occasionally adopted is that of surcharging the stamps in manuscript. As instances we may mention the ½d and 1d provisionals issued on Feb. 27th, 1895, in British East Africa, and the "1d" on 6d surcharges issued in Trinidad in 1882.

Then we have a combination of handstamp and manuscript as in some of the British East African stamps issued in 1891 where new values were applied by handstamps and the authenticity of the surcharges was attested by the addition of initials written with pen and ink by responsible officials. Some of the early provisionals of Siam provide another curious combination—that of handstamp and printed surcharge. In these instances the English overprint was applied by type in the usual way, while the native overprint was applied by handstamps to one stamp at a time.

One of the most interesting of makeshift stamps is the "check-stamp" provisional issued in British Central Africa in March, 1898, the frame being printed from type and the centers been struck from the stamp usually employed for stamping checks.

Then there are typewritten overprints as shown in the "Halfpenny" stamps of Tonga issued in 1896, type-set stamps of all sorts as found among the isues of British Guiana, Gaboon, and Guadeloupe, and more pretentious methods such as lithography have been occasionally employed.

Last, but by no means least, in point of interest and value, we have the stamps known as bisected or "split" provisionals. These are stamps cut into halves, or smaller pieces, each portion then being available for use as a separate stamp. They may be cut vertically, horizontally, or diagonally and as a rule the pieces are surcharged with the new value they are intended to represent. As an instance of a split provisional without surcharge we may mention the Jamaica 1d blue of 1860 which, in November, 1861, was allowed to be bisected and each half used as a halfpenny label. Barbados, Canada, Dominica, Falkland Islands, Niger Coast and Grenada are a few countries which have occasionally issued bisected stamps with surchages to denote the new values and in some cases these surcharges have been applied by handstamps, in others they have been printed from type, and in a few instances they have been written in manuscript.

Provisional issues have added much to the interest of stamp collecting although it is to be feared that many of those of the last twenty years or so would never have appeared had there not been a "philatelic" demand for them!

Written for Mekeel's Weekly.

A TRIP TO HAWAII.

By Arthur Irwin Smith.

For a long time Raymond Harvey had been deeply interested in collecting Chinese revenue stamps, but after he had inadvertently started a "rough house" in the drug shop of Sing Lee Fat one night he steered clear of Chinatown for quite a while. Somehow the queer dragons and other native symbols seemed to lose their fascination all at once.

His general collection, however, was benefitted by his loss of interest in the specialty. He began to delight in hunting for stamps in out-of-the-way places, and many valuable specimens were added to his album by rummaging in garrets and waste-baskets. San Francisco is quite a port for foreign trade and the correspondence of some of the up-to-date firms bore many nineteenth century stamps of high values and corresponding rarity. Here he found the shilling values of Victoria and other Australian countries, the used "King's Heads" as they were issued, and occasionally something of exceptional scarcity.

A good friend of his, Thomas Proctor, was employed as clerk in the offices of the Trans-Pacific Steamship Company, and was responsible for his being allowed to examine the refuse and waste-paper of that corporation. One gray morning in June—there are many gray mornings in San Francisco—Thomas greeted him with an air of unusual importance.

"Hello, Ray," he said, "I'm on track of something good for you. A ship's officer was in here this morning and happened to drop a remark about a sailor on his vessel who had a big sack of rare stamps. He said the man picked them up in Zanzibar or Shanghai or somewhere out there for a few shillings and that he knew his fortune was made."

Raymond smiled skeptically. He had followed up these tales before and had never found much of value. "Thank you, Thomas. I'll look the fellow up, but these novices have very little idea as to what constitutes a rare and valuable stamp. They expect as much for a 10 pfennig German as for a gem of the first water."

"I'm not wise to the stamp game, myself," acknowledged Thomas, "but this seemed like a good tip to me. Better go after it. I didn't get the fellow's name, but he is employed on the Princess Charlotte. I don't suppose you would have any trouble in finding him if you should apply there."

Raymond lost no time in making his way to the vessel. The purser was not any too polite, but he finally succeeded in eliciting the name of the sailor with the stamps. "John Drury," the purser told him, "now absent on shore leave."

Raymond could get little information further than that. Presumably the man would return within a few hours, as the ship was evidently due to embark shortly, judging from the work that was going on. Without asking any more questions Raymond decided to wait aboard. He made himself at home, going on all the decks and even into the engine rooms. No one questioned him or took time to talk with him, so he finally settled down on the floor of the upper deck, taking in the sunshine as it broke through the drifting clouds from time to time. An hour passed and he began to grow drowsy. The sun came out and its warmth lulled him into oblivion. Turning over on his face, in two minutes he was sound asleep.

The next sound that greeted his ears was the steady chug-chug of the working engines and the regular swish of the wheels as they churned aside the water. Where was he? He jumped up with a start and looked around him.

In the distant east California loomed up dim and indistinct. He fancied he could yet descry the smoke and skyscrapers of his home city through the evening haze. He was a stowaway on the Princess Charlotte with less than five dollars in his pockets and bound for a foreign land. For a moment he stood, frightened, undecided as to what to do, then burst into laugh at the ludicrousness of his situation.

He made his way to the purser, who did not recognize him. Taking him for a passenger, he showed some measure of attention. Raymond explained the situation fully and the purser first frowned then laughed heartily.

"Our first stop is Honolulu," he said. "You will of course disembark there, and return on the next steamer of our line that passes. As there is some question as to who is to blame for this, the company will very likely pay your expenses in case you agree not to bring suit. Some one of our employes is to blame for letting you aboard so near to the time for sailing without transportation; on the other hand you were practically concealed aboard and might be termed a stowaway. I shall lay the matter before the captain and I am certain that we shall be as liberal as possible."

Raymond thanked him and revised his opinion of him at once. Truly, it is hard to judge a man at the first meeting. Hard work and indifference had made him a different creature when Raymond had first approached him in the morning. Now that things were running smoothly and his interest had been aroused, the official was quite friendly.

Later Raymond looked up John Drury, the sailor with the bag of stamps. "I sold them to a dealer in 'Frisco," the man told him. "I got five dollars, but I only paid a dollar. I don't think they amounted to much, for I visited several men and four dollars was the only other offer I could get."

It was a bag of junk, just as Raymond had surmised, but it had gotten him into a peck of trouble. What would his parents think had become of him? There was no wireless aboard, and unless a passing vessel could be hailed and word sent back they would be sure to believe that foul play had befallen him. It was not his nature to worry, however, so after matters had been arranged with the captain, he tried to put the affair from his mind. He had been away from home before unexpectedly, and perhaps his people would not be unduly troubled. He would send a cablegram from Honolulu: until he arrived there he was going to settle down and enjoy the trip.

At Honolulu Raymond went posthaste to the American consulate. That kindly official agreed at once to help him along. A cablegram was sent to Mr. Harvey in San Francisco, and that gentleman replied by wiring Raymond a hundred dollars and peremptory instructions to return on the first steamer of the Trans-Pacific line that came along. Raymond smiled, for that was his intention anyway.

"So you are a stamp collector, eh?" queried the friendly consul. "I know where you might pick up something of interest. I will give you a note to the Rev. Mr. Hildreth, who has been a missionary here for twenty or thirty years, and if he can't put you next to something good in that line I'm sure no one else can."

"Thank you," replied Raymond eagerly.

The Rev. Mr. Hildreth was seventy years old and almost totally deaf, but Raymond finally made him understand the object of his visit.

"Oh, yes; stamps," said the old man, in a querulous voice. "Well, we used to find some rare ones and sell them for good prices, but that has been many years ago. I had a dozen or so once and got five dollars for them."

"Some of the rare missionary Hawaiians," thought Raymond. "I'd like to buy a few at ten times that price." But he said nothing that the old man could hear.

"I don't suppose anything of the kind could be found now," continued the Rev. Mr. Hildreth. "But wait, I have a letter that was written me from Molokai. Let's see—it is in my trunk somewhere." The kindly old fellow rummaged around for many minutes before locating it. "Here it is. You may have the stamp if you like; it is not pretty and is so dirty I don't suppose it would be of much value."

It was the 5c blue, 1859 issue, worth about twenty-five dollars. Raymond gasped at sight of the gem and thanked the old man effusively, but most of that was labor lost on account of his deafness. Raymond handed him the five dollars in silver with which he had left home, in order to show his thanks in a substantial way. Then it was that the old missionary's face lighted with gratitude, and Raymond began to wish he had twice as much to give him.

The Princess Louise, a sister ship, came along within a day or two and the voyage home was made without incident. Mr. Harvey scolded Raymond roundly at first, but when the young man had made the circumstances plain he could not keep from smiling.

"Am I not lucky?" asked Raymond of his friend Thomas Proctor. "For five dollars I get a trip to Hawaii and a peach of a stamp that I have always wanted. Can you beat it?"

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CHAPTER XIV.

90 Cents, Issue of 1861-1868.

Again the writer engages in the task of supplying a little information regarding a stamp which possesses little field for extensive study. Not being able to possess hundreds of copies for research it is necessary to consult the writings of experts, and some extensive correspondence, for what knowledge I am able to impart. I am certain that after this chapter has been well read by collectors there will be additional information brought out which will make even the 90 cents of this issue interesting to the specialist.

The August issue of this stamp has, fortunately, some distinguishing marks which will separate it from the September stamps and later ones. Besides the difference in color and paper, which marked each of the August issue from the others, the 90 cents was changed in the making of the plate, somewhat. This change is well described in the standard catalogues and need not be repeated here.

The August stamps were printed in a color of slate blue, from plate No. 8. As nearly as can be estimated there were about 5,000 printed and probably issued. This stamp is said to exist unperforated. I would like to be the lucky person who would come into possession of an unsevered pair in this imperforate condition.

The September stamps, so-called, probably did not appear until later in the year—possibly in October. The color of the earliest printed September 90 cents was a striking shade of marine blue. Later printings were in pale blue, blue, bright blue, dark blue and indigo.

That new plates were constructed for the printing of the September stamps is determined by the fact that they were printed from plate No. 18, as were also the stamps which were passed through the grilling machine. So far as the historian has any knowledge there were printed 384,920 prior to 1867, when the grille was adopted.

This stamp is an exceptionally disagreeable one to collect, owing to the fact that it can seldom be found in even nice condition. The sheets were atrociously perforated, causing a great majority of them to be badly centered. Then, too, the postal employees seemed to take especial delight in trying to see how much ink they could make the stamps absorb. Lucky is the collector who is able to secure fine, or superb copies of this stamp for his collection. In this condition, if the numbers I have handled is any guide to prices, it ought to be worth full catalog. One thing is certain, 50% off is altogether too little for a 90 cent in perfect condition.

There is not much which can be said of the 90 cents, grilled. It has been found in two sizes—9x13½, with 12x17 points, and 9x13, with 12x16 points. All books and literature I have been able to secure chronicle it only in deep blue. This I believe to be a mistake, because I have it in light blue, blue and deep blue, and there can be no mistake in the shades, nor the genuineness of the grilles.

Owing to the relative scarcity of the stamps of this denomination there will not be much of a field for the collection of different cancellations. Black is the predominating color. Red cancellations are very rare. Others I have not seen. But of this I am sure—whenever I find this stamp with a very unusual form of cancellation, either red, blue, Paid, or something different, no matter if it is a little off center, or is heavily cancelled, it will never find its way back to its owner.

Right here let me offer a word of caution—if unused specimens are offered be certain the stamp cleaner has not been at work. Occasionally the stamp appeared pen cancelled, and several copies have come to my hand, said to be unused, which had been skilfully cleaned of the cancellation of writing ink, and a beautiful new coating of gum given to the back.

Like all of this issue the 90 cents was overprinted "Specimen." A copy of this, together with proofs on India paper and cardboard proofs should be collected. So, too, may be the 1875 reprint, if one is fortunate enough to have one

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It has probably been noticed that I have not yet touched upon the 2 cent black, or the 15 cent black which is made a part of the 1861-1868 issue. These stamps were brought out later—the 2 cents in 1863, and the 15 cents in 1866. For this reason I have thought it best to wait until the August and September issues, with their grilled varieties were disposed of, before taking up the study of these two stamps mentioned.

(*To be continued.*)

HWANG-DO PROVISIONALS.

J. Klemann, Jr. of the Nassau Stamp Co. favors us with a clipping from the *China Press* in reference to some surcharged stamps issued by the post office at Hwang-Do. The stamps were issued in black and red overprinting, the latter, however, being issued in a very small quantity. The local post office was unable to secure the filling of a requisition and to meet the local need the Hwang-Do officials surcharged the stamps with a block made especially for this purpose. These facts will be helpful in establishing the true status of these provisionals when the history of the Chinese Republic stamps is written.

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Every visit to this important institution which is a branch of the Treasury Department furnishes new testimony of progress, of advance in practical methods and the application of scientific inventions. It is no longer the custom to appoint as the head of this veritable bee hive overlooking the calmly flowing historic Potomac River, dividing the District of Columbia from the picturesque hills of old Virginia, a politician lacking experience in the line of work under his direction. Today only a man with long practical training, one thoroughly versed in all details connected with the vast amount of work of this institution, can acceptably fill this responsible position. Just such a man is J. E. Ralph, and we venture to say that no servant of Uncle Sam is rendering more efficient work and giving greater returns for the comparatively small compensation received than this present Director of the Bureau. He is meeting with untold opposition on the part of labor unions and others who oppose every labor saving device or invention, but Mr. Ralph is losing no sleep on this account. His conscience is clear, and he knows he is doing what is right. The greatest good to the largest number is his ideal, and this idea he is combining with the most efficient service at the lowest possible cost.

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For many years this country has ranked high in the small cost of production of its stamps. The Bureau, from the beginning, has charged the P. O. Department 5c a thousand for all ordinary stamps, but for a number of years this barely covered the cost of manufacture; there was in fact a slight deficit. Mr. Ralph has not only wiped this out and returned $35,000 last year of the amount appropriated for printing postage stamps, but has placed his Department on a dividend paying basis.

Another country producing stamps at a low cost is Japan, but the rate there is 7c a thousand. When we consider that there labor costs only from 10 to 40 cents a day, as compared with $1.50 to $10.00 which the Bureau is obliged to pay its employees, we have something upon which to base our ideas of the many wonderful results achieved by these efficient servants of Uncle Sam.

Among the important governments adopting some of our methods in stamp production was recently the Australian Commonwealth whose secretary-treasurer has been in close touch with the Bureau for some time.

It will not be long before we will see stamps printed by this new method, but it is doubtful whether it will mean a new variety or series for collectors, as it may not be possible to distinguish single copies printed by the new process.

The experimental printings have been made on unwatermarked paper, but due care is of course taken to guard against any chance of these experimental stamps leaking out.

An important new feature introduced with the new method of printing will be the consecutive numbering of every sheet printed. This number will appear once on the side margin and be a great assistance in tracing stolen sheets, especially after the robbery of a postoffice. It is possible that the plate number will also appear on one side of the sheet, but there will be no other imprint. Of course top and bottom margins will rapidly become a relic of the darker days of stamp printing. Even all of these features by no means end the possibility of other new improvements, and so we are informed that one operation will not only print but also gum and perforate the stamps. We will thus see the plain white paper enter the machine on one side, and the finished product already automatically counted, appearing on the other.

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Numerous new devices have proven to be of incalculable value in the production of postage stamps, among these the electric pyrometer. This is an instrument used for measuring the graduation of temperature above those that can be indicated by the mercurial thermometer. For the past three years steel plates, to be used for printing stamps or currency certificates, have been subjected to a heating process lasting 10 to 20 minutes. In a temperature of 860 to 900 centigrades the plate is hardened to a degree most suitable for printing.

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By H. C. Barr.

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It certainly looks as if the supply of regular issues had given out. However, I do not pretend to be posted on New Issues, as I collect 19th Century only, so this may be stale news. Our South American mail is enormous, and I seldom have time to look it all over, but these Ecuador combinations struck me particularly.

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MR. HANDSHAW VISITS HAMBURG.

(*Extract from letter.*)

We were in Hamburg for nearly a week, and we found this city one of great interest.

There are numerous stamp dealers here, and Wm. Sellschopps seems to be one of the largest, if not the largest dealer. It will be remembered that some ten years ago Mr. Sellschopps was located in California but after leaving the States went to Hamburg where he has been located ever since. We called upon him and were very cordially received. We found him a very busy man, with a fine office in the beautiful Barnhof building. He has a large office on the ground floor with two big show windows, and also occupies a large space on the first floor, cut into various rooms. There are some 30 or 40 employees, with Mr. A. Linck as manager.

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12	15c, unframed	3.50
13	30c	3.50
14	1870, 1c, 2c, 3c	.75
15	15c	6.50
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17	1871, 15c, 30c	1.35
18	1871, 24c	1.50
19	1873, 7c, 30c	1.25
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21	1879, 15c, 10 copies	2.00
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23	1890, 15c, 30c, 90c worth catalogue	.80
*24	1893, 1c to 50c, unused	3.18
25	1c to 50c, used	1.77
*26	$1.00, never been hinged	..
*27	1894, 246 to 252, all triangles	1.61
*28	1898, 10c, 15c	1.50
*29	Omaha 1c to 10c	1.20
*30	1901, 1 to 10c	.82
*31	1902, 1c block of four imperforate	..
*32	2c “ “	..
33	50c, 10 copies	1.80
*34	1904, 1 to 10c	.80
*35	1908, 4c, 5c part perforated-pair-side	..
*36	“ 4c, 5c “ “ “	..
*37	1909, Lincoln 2c imperforated, perf. & bluish	..
*38	Alaska, blocks of four, perf. & imperf.	..
*39	Hudson “ “ “	..
*40	1910, 1c line pair, part perf	..
*41	2c “ “	..
*42	3c “ “	..
*43	4c “ “	..
*44	Agriculture 1c	3.50
45	“ 2c, 3c	1.10
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47	“ 6c	1.00
48	“ 30c	15.00
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52	24c	3.00
*53	1c	1.00
*54	2c, 3c, 6c, 10c	1.35
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*43	“ “ 2d bistre	.12	.08
*44	“ “ 6d violet	.60	.40
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*50	“ “ 1sh blue green	2.50	1.50
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*52	“ “ ½d green	.04	.03
*53	“ “ 1d carmine	.06	.04
*54	“ “ 2½d ultra	.12	.08
*55	“ “ 1sh yellow	.60	.35
*57	“ “ ½d emerald grn.	.04	.03
*58	“ “ 2d chocolate br.	.20	.13
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—Frank E. Goodwin of St. Louis is on a business trip east and wishes us to state that all personal correspondence will be attended to upon his return home early in November. We have received the initial number of the *Stamp Collector* published by Mr. Goodwin in the interests of his business.

—*The Detroit Philatelist,* the house organ of the Robt. Millard Co., is at hand. The number before us is marked Vol. 4, No. 1 but as the date line reads 1912-1913 it is difficult to arrive at the numbers necessary to make a volume. The subscription price is given at $.00 per year. One good thing about this sheet is its motto, "Good value is good business."

—We have been very much interested in the scintillations of Pernicious Penslip, begging his pardon Parnassus Penflip, and we have wondered whether he has any relationship with Mr. Quackenbush. Of course there is a compliment here and either gentleman may claim it.

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(Signed) CHARLES E. SEVERN, Editor.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 30th day of September, 1912.

EDWARD MICHAEL.

[*Seal*] (My commission expires Aug. 5th, 1915.)

Circulation Statement.—Though not required to give this information, we desire to say that our average circulation for the past six months was 6,100 copies.

EDITORIAL.

Speaking of Names—We think that the half-dozen or so cities that by common consent rank as philatelic centers should be recruited by certain others even though the proposed additions are so small in size that it takes a very large map to show them. Who will say that Stamping Ground, Kentucky, and that Stamper in the same state are not deserving of philatelic renown? On former occasions the claims of Stamps, Arkansas, have been presented for favorable recognition and they will not be repeated here. If Phil, in Kentucky, is looked at askant as an aspirant, all opposition to Philo of California, Illinois and Ohio must vanish. Who will say that Issue, Maryland, is not a community teeming with philatelists? In time, Issue may attain such an eminence that there will be a New Issue somewhere much to the joy of the twentieth century enthusiasts. It is to be remarked that no Mekeels are found in the new edition of the official postal guide but in Minnesota and Texas, respectively, there is a Wylie, while there are three Severns, one each in Maryland, North Carolina and Virginia. As the editor was born in Virginia, it is not necessary to say that Severn, Virginia, was named in his honor. Naturally enough, Parnassus is to be found several times but through some inexplicable mischance, Penflip is omitted. Later. By some vagary of the types, perhaps, Penhook, Virginia, was intended for Penflip.

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Still Searching—What has become of the old-fashioned collector who refused all unused stamps fearing that they were reprints? Perhaps he has sought some hermit isle in company with the o. f. c. who trimmed his perforated stamps in order to fill the spaces calling for imperforate stamps of the same design.

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Political Pot—Our political department. A reader says: "I was intensely interested in the news of the first issue of the empire and I exult in the contemplation of the philatelic possibilities under the dictatorship. I suggest the following designs for the first set: One-cent, Teddy Bear; Two-cent, Bull Moose; Three-cent, Big Stick; Four-cent, T. R. as Rough Rider; Five-cent, T. R. as African Hunter; Six-cent, T. R. in Imperial Robes; Eight-cent, Princess Alice; Ten-cent, Nic; Fifteen-cent, Kermit; Fifty-cent, H. L. Legg and One Dollar, Parnassus Penflip. The two gentlemen last named will be gorgeous figures, I understand, in the court of the first empire."

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Just to Think—Strange tidings are wafted to us. Mr. P. M. Wolsieffer says that "One of his clients who has not been a buyer for a year or more writes a rather strong letter of protest to him about his recent forecast for a lively and brisk business season." Moreover, Mr. Wolsieffer is charged "with being in league with the WEEKLY to force high prices and boom the season in advance" and it is broadly insinuated that Mr. Wolsieffer's letter "was inspired by the Boston office of the WEEKLY, where Mr. Wolsieffer was a caller recently." Further, it is intimated that Mr. Wolsieffer is being repaid for his letter by advertising space. Harken: "This pessimist is not the famous Penflip but a very well-to-do man who can buy out the average stamp dealer with just one of his immense corn crops, particularly this year." After saying that Mr. Wolsieffer wrote just what he pleased without any payment or promise of it on our part, we merely shall quote the following words from an editorial that chances to be at hand: "It is a wonderful stream of wealth that nature has poured into the lap of the nation this year. The cereal crops will be more than a billion bushels greater than last year, breaking several records . . . . . This accretion of wealth is tremendous, for the crops are still the foundation of our material prosperity." If the country is to boom, philately will boom with it.

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High and Other Seas—An inquiry has been made regarding ship letters which entered so prominently into the postal regulations of earlier days; and as they have an appealing interest for not a few investigators, an examination into present conditions when mail steamers ply the waters of all parts of the world, almost, is worth while. As a general rule, postage upon articles mailed on board steamers on the high seas must be prepaid by postage stamps of the country, under whose flag the vessel sails. "Postage on articles mailed in a sea post-office on board a trans-Atlantic steamer, other than a White Star steamer, on a voyage from the United States can be prepaid only by means of United States postage stamps, notwithstanding the steamer may sail under a foreign flag." On White Star steamers prepaid letters are obliged to bear the stamps of Great Britain. Letters intended for America when mailed on the high seas on "American bottoms" bringing a mail to this country, as well as articles handed to the officers for mailing ashore, are subject to American postage rates and regulations. Postage on items mailed on board a steamer in a port of any country are to be prepaid only by the stamps of that country. "Ship letters" is the name usually applied to those carried by vessels not regularly employed in transporting the mail and are subject to double rates of domestic postage of four cents upon delivery.

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A New One—The Société Française de Timbrologie of Paris has undertaken a grand international competition on an original scheme as the entries are to consist not of stamps but of articles relating to stamps. Manuscripts may be submitted in French, English or German and the competition is open to March 1st, 1913. By a system that compels secrecy, the manuscripts will be adjudged on their merits, as until after a decision is made, the names of the contributors remain unknown. Gold, silver and bronze medals are to be awarded and the catholicity of the subjects is an attractive feature. For instance, essays, cancellations and cut provisionals, etc., are named and the historical element is not ignored, while philatelic literature and forgeries also are included in the list of subjects. One competition is reserved to young collectors, under the age of eighteen years.

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As It Happens—It is often remarked how if used and unused postal savings bank stamps and envelopes must not be sold or given away in used or unused condition they reach the hands of collectors. If the regulation be strictly enforced, there still is a quantity of the issue that comes through the mails addressed to persons not connected with the service and such specimens become legitimate spoils for the collector. Again, when the stamps first were used, the supposition was that used copies could be disposed of by postmasters as they saw fit and in this manner, a somewhat generous distribution was made to the advantage of collectors. Dealers have refrained from handling unused copies of the stamps that may have been offered them, much to their credit.

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1455	3c green on cream.........	(158)	.15	.07
1462	1c blue on cream..........	(154)	.15	.07
1470	3c green on blue	(169)	.10	.05
1480	3c green on fawn..........	(175)	.15	.07
1486	2c red on white	(200)	.12	.05
1487	2c red on amber...........	(201)	.15	.07
1489	2c red on blue............	(203)	.25	.10
1498	2c brown on white	(212)	.08	.04
1499	2c brown on amber........	(213)	.20	.08
1501	2c brown on blue	(215)	.25	.12
1510	2c brown on white	(226)	.08	.03
1512	2c brown on amber........	(227)	.08	.03
1513	2c brown on amber die B..	(237)	.40	.16
1515	2c brown on fawn die B..	(237a)	.40	.16
1522	2c brown on O. buff.......	(238)	.10	.04
1534	2c brown on manila.......	(230)	.12	.05
1576	4c carmine on manila.....	(290)	.20	.08
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Denmark, newspaper, 1o to 1kr.....	"	.48	"	.16
Ecuador 1911, 1, 2, 5, 10c...........	"	..	"	.05
Greece 1901, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50l....	"	.23	"	.08
*Hayti 1898, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10c......	"	.59	"	.20
Japan 1899 00, 5r to 1y, comp.........	"	.27	"	.07
" 1906, 1½, 3s (No.108-9) very scarce	"	.75	"	.50
*Nyassa 1901, 2½r to 300r mint	"	2.41	"	.25
* " 1903, 65, 115, 130, Prov. 15, 25 (surch)	"	1.25	"	.25
*Venezuela 1882, 10 and 25c..........	"	.35	"	.07
* " 1900, 25c & 1 bol, Nos. 146&153	"	.40	"	.10
* " 1903, 5, 10, 25, 50c Nos. 162-65...	"	.36	"	.08
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1906 Persia, Nos. 422-427, set of 6 unused.... .20
1912 Russia, 5 kopec claret unused .... .05
1883 St. Vincent, ½d used 3c; 1d used...... .05
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LONDON, Oct. 6.—Those who do not collect postage stamps will wonder that a few soiled, minute pieces of engraved and tinted paper—not bank notes—are worth hundreds of thousands of dollars. Yet $1,250,000 worth of postage stamps will be shown at the Jubilee Stamp Exhibition which opens at Royal Horticultural Hall next week.

Collectors are hastening here from all over the world, guarding the stamps they bring as if they were more precious than rubies. Among the exhibitors probably will be King George, a devoted philatelist, with one of the finest collections existing.

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OUR BOOK REVIEW.

Whitfield King's 1913 Catalog.—We have received from the publishers a review copy of the 13th annual edition of this well-known work. The publication of the present edition has been somewhat hastened by the fact that the 1912 edition was exhausted early in May of the present year. A great many advances in the prices of British Colonials are noted, the issues of King George receiving the most careful attention up to the time of going to press. The book is compact in form, well printed, and accompanied by more than 4000 illustrations. Price 50c postpaid.

BE A BOOSTER.

A valued correspondent would like particulars of our Booster Club. There are no particulars. It is simply a matter of boosting. Boost the WEEKLY and that's the price of initiation.

During the past week our remittances have been flavored with something a bit foreign to stamp collecting. A California subscriber writes:—"I hope you will win the World Series." With our mind on stamps and stamp collecting this was a puzzler, but knowing the difference between a foul and a base hit we soon got our bearings.

B. E. Clarke qualifies this week as a Booster and Arthur Russell keeps him company, both showing their appreciation of the WEEKLY in a tangible manner.

Charles G. Brown of the Penn. State College promises valued co-operation and for a starter sends in one new subscription.

Just show the WEEKLY to a friend and be a Booster.

THE MANAGING EDITOR.

P. S. Even the editor has it bad. In a letter just at hand we read, "The Red Sox are the boys."

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THE GOVERNMENT COLLECTION.

By JAS. M. WOLTZ.

I am interested in postage stamps from a business as well as a collecting standpoint and have often gone to look over the display of postage stamps shown by the Government, when I had a few minutes on my hands I did not know how to employ to better advantage. Imagine my surprise when on a recent visit to Washington, I found that the collection had been removed from the Post office building on Pennsylvania Ave., where it had been the last few times I had visited it and I was told it was now at the National Museum. Naturally I thought I would find my old friends in the new building back of the market on the Mall, I made diligent search there and asked several of the attendants, but could not locate the stamps I was seeking. At last and on another day I visited the old Museum Building, located on the south side of the Mall between the Smithsonian Institute and the Army and Navy Medical Institute. The attendant at the door informed me that the stamps were in the first room to the right as I entered and to the left as I passed the first door.

The location of the cases and arrangement of them is anything but advantageous. Some of the cases are so poorly lighted, by reason of being placed back of high cases used for the exhibition of other historical articles, that to make any sort of an examination of the contents is a decided strain on the eye and most unsatisfactory. Other of the cases are so arranged the lower rows of the sheets upon which the stamps are shown are so low that one has to stoop or have provided himself with a low stool, to examine them with any degree of comfort or satisfaction.

Fortunately the stamps of the United States are in cases that are located between the high cases before mentioned and thus they have fairly good light and can be seen more advantageously than most of the other countries.

It is a shame that this great Government could not afford a better and more satisfactory manner of exhibiting these stamps. While the collection is far from complete, and many of the rarer stamps are missing (this is true of the issues of the United States series as well as those of other countries) still the collection is one that will well repay any collector to take the time to visit and if he have the time, to study seriously. Another matter to be regretted is that recent issues are not shown and this is true of the United States even. The display of envelopes is also disappointing. For instance the last envelope shown so far as we were able to find was No. 1628 (Scott).

Let me make a sugestion that may assist in bringing our hobby more prominently before at least the younger portion of the country. There are very few towns of any size that do not boast of a public library. Why not get up a collection for the library?

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Homer H. Wong, the Chief of the Postal Department of the Ministry of Communications China has received instructions to issue three series of stamps for general use. Two will be commemorative issues, limited in number, and one will be the ordinary issue for future use. One set, bearing the effigy of Dr. Sun Yat-sun, is to commemorate the Great Struggle for freedom which yielded the revolutionary Government at Nanking; and the other set will be in commemoration of the effective foundation of the Republic under President Yuen whose face will appear on the stamps. The national device has been selected for the ordinary set. The stamps will be issued prior to Dec. 1.

A. P. S. 3553.

MR. KJELLSTEDT HONORED ABROAD.

In the September issue of the *Philatelic Journal of Sweden* we find the minutes of the 55th meeting of the Boros branch of the Swedish society. As several paragraphs have reference to our friend, Mr. Kjellstedt, we render them in free translation.

No. 1. The chairman greeted Professor Kjellstedt and wished him welcome to the meeting and thanked him for finding the time, during his short stay in Boros to honor the branch with a visit. Thanks were also extended for the great interest he had taken in the society and it was hoped that anything that may be found lacking in the arrangement of this festivity would be counterbalanced by the heartiness of the homage rendered.

No. 5. Prof. Kjellstedt thanked for the kind reception extended to him and related that although he was the American representative of several large societies and had for many years done yeoman service for philately, he had never before attended a large philatelic meeting, and that the first occasion should occur in his native city was of special interest to him. He stated that on his return to America this evening would stand forth as one of the brightest memories from his short visit to the old fatherland.

No. 6. Mrs. Kjellstedt and the members' ladies arrived. Banquet was served in the festivity hall of "Hotel Du Nord." The chairman spoke for the guests of honor, Mr. and Mrs. Kjellstedt, and for the ladies. Prof. Kjellstedt spoke of philately in the United States, and then dwelt in a humorous strain on woman's relations to philately.

No. 8. After the banquet a social session took place. The hours seemed too short and soon it was time to part, but this festival will long be remembered by our branch as one of the very happiest.

DEATH OF HENRY J. CROCKER.

Just as we go to press we learn of the death of Henry J. Crocker, who passed away in San Francisco October 11. Mr. Crocker was so well known to a host of philatelists that his death will come as a severe shock. A more extended notice will be given next week.

A Chat With the Advertiser!

The Robt. Millard Co. in their house organ the *Detroit Philatelist* declares that "the one general all around philatelic publication is MEKEEL'S WEEKLY of Boston, Mass. It is reliable, arrives on time, and is worth twice the subscription price of 50 cents per year. We recommend no other." This is a strong word of commendation from a firm that has used the WEEKLY regularly during the past year and is with us again for the coming season.

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This week two old advertisers have resumed regular space in the WEEKLY. We refer to P. G. Beals of Boston, and the Chesapeake Stamp Co. of Baltimore, Md. If you, Mr. Dealer, are not using the WEEKLY just bear in mind that there is no publicity agent in the world that can reach stamp collectors as does the WEEKLY.

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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

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	6c dull lake	.25	.50
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	13c gray black	.50	1.00
	15c olive	.50	1.00
	50c orange	1.25	2.50
	$1 black	2.50	5.00
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1903	2c shield, vermilion	.25	..
1909	1c green, double line watermark	.06	.12
	2c rose, double line watermark	.10	.20
	Same line between	..	.30
	Same wide and narrow space, 2 blocks	..	.50
	3c purple	.15	.30
	4c light brown	.17	.35
	5c dark blue	.25	.50
1912	1c green, new design	.05	.10
	Same, line between	.08	.15
	Same, center block	..	.50
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	Same, 4 arrow block	..	.50

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ANOTHER AERO MAIL POSTMARK.

H. H. Chumley, Birmingham, Ala., sends us the particulars of an æroplane mail service established at the Birmingham Fair Grounds October 7, when letters were sent from the grounds to the Birmingham P. O. A special stamping device was used as follows:—"United States Aeroplane Service" and the time of leaving the grounds.

A sad incident in connection with the event was the death of Joseph Stevenson, one of the two aviators engaged by the Fair authorities.

THE LISTING OF PRECANCELS.

Last week we used up nearly a column of space in our Chronicle listing types of precancels that would do credit to an acrobatic performance. We want to know whether our readers were at all interested. We are glad to publish all the news but question whether these hair-splitting varieties are worthy of the consideration that we give them. If our subscribers tell us that they want this news, it will be continued. If not, it will be discontinued. Just send us a post card so that we may know your desires.

CHRONICLE OF NEW ISSUES AND VARIETIES

Edited by HENRY A. KIDDER.

Any information regarding new issues will be gratefully received and acknowledged. Address HENRY A. KIDDER, 17 Addison St., Arlington, Mass. Letters calling for a reply should contain a self-addressed, stamped envelope. We cannot give applicants the addresses of our correspondents. Correspondence regarding precancelled stamps must be sent to FRANK B. ELDREDGE, Attleboro, Mass., when due credit will be given in this department.

UNITED STATES.—H. Loeb shows us specimens of the 1898 surcharged revenues, small surcharge, Scott's No. 2992, showing some interesting peculiarities. The most common appears to be a line of color below the surcharge as though the bottoms of the letters dragged and deposited a little color before being set firmly in their proper place. The other variety, is constant and appears only once on each sheet, and always in the same place. This consists of a broken period after "I" or possibly a small period, about one-quarter the size of the normal period. Mr. Loeb submits an unused pair, showing the variety and also the regular appearance.

AZORES.—*Champion's Bulletin* states that the current stamps of Portugal have received the surcharge "Acores," though the colors of the surcharge are not given. The whole series from ¼c to 1c has been thus treated. We have not yet seen the stamps, and so will defer the formal chronicle.

BARBADOS.—Gerald D. Bliss has shown us used specimens of the 6d, 1sh and 2sh King George stamps recently chronicled. They were used on mail from the Island about September 10.

BAVARIA.—Six values of the Prince Luipold set have been perforated "E" for "Eisenbahm," for use as parcels post stamps. This issue takes the place of the 1908 set with the same letter surcharged. The values thus treated are the 3pf, 5pf, 10pf, 20pf, 25pf and 50pf.

CANADA.—L. C. Hooper sends us a wrapper used on a London publication—with a branch office in Canada. No postage has been paid on the ship passage from London to Halifax, Nova Scotia, apparently, but a hand stamp has been used reading "Postage paid at Halifax," and the date. It is a peculiar way of getting the paper through the mails. Probably arrangements were made with some of the Ocean Liners to carry these papers to Halifax as freight.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC.—A. W. Dunning has shown us some interesting varieties from this Republic, as follows:

a. No. 136: pair, one having the "2" missing.

b. No. 146d: vertical pair, the top stamp having the last "A" of "Dominicana" missing.

c. No. 146: pair, the top stamp having the "C" of "Centavo" missing.

d. Vertical strip of three showing No. 146d at top, No. 146 in the center and No. 146e at the bottom.

e. No. 147: block of four, one being No. 147d.

f. No. 148: block of four, one being No. 148d.

EGYPT.—*Lemaire's Journal* says that the provisional postage due stamp of 1908 (1898?), 3m on 2pi orange, will shortly be retired from circulation.

Sudan.—Champion's Bulletin reports that a new value has been added to the current official set, the 10pi of 1907-11 having been surcharged "OSGS," like the other stamps in the series.

GAMBIA.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us the full set from ½d to 1sh of the new King George set, which was announced some time since.

Adhesives.

½d green.
1d scarlet.
1½d olive brown and green.
2d gray.
2½d ultramarine.
3d violet on yellow.
4d black and carmine.
5d brown orange and violet.
6d violet and mauve.
7½d brown and blue.
10d gray green and carmine.
1sh black on green.
1sh 6d violet and green.
2sh violet and blue on blue.
2sh 6d black and carmine on blue.
3sh yellow and green.

GERMANY.—L. C. Hooper has shown us a cover mailed at Possneck, Germany, which has in addition to the regular cancellation covering the stamp, another postmark consisting of a large "5" in a small circle, with "Porto-Controll-System—Fa. Custos Duissorg" (apparently) arranged in a circle around the inside of the frame rule. Perhaps some of our German friends can inform us as to what the significance of this stamp is?

INDIA.—*Hyderabad.*—The 1a carmine of 1908-09 has been surcharged with the usual native characters for use as an official stamp.

Official Adhesive.

1a carmine; black surcharge.

ITALY.—*Champion's Bulletin* states that the following quantities were printed of the commemorative stamps issued in honor of the 50th anniversary of Italian Unity: 2c, 4,000,000; 5c, 8,000,000; 10c, 5,000,000; 15c, 5,000,000.

The same paper says that the 15c value of the Venetian Campanile issue has already been exhausted.

Various rumors come from abroad as to the intention of the Postal Authorities of Italy in regard to stamps for the newly acquired territory of "Libia." One report says that a new and artistic series of stamps, recalling in form and designs the last French stamps for Tunis; while another, possibly equally authoritative, says that no special stamps are to be printed, but that the current stamps of Italy are to be surcharged with the word, "Libia." Meanwhile it is stated that Italy proposes to endow each of the 13 islands in the Ægean Sea, which she occupies with a series of Italian stamps, surcharged with the name of the Island.

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PERU.—*Champion's Bulletin* reports that a provisional issue of three stamps, 1c, 10c and 15c, will shortly be issued at Lima.

PORTUGUESE INDIA.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us further provisionals from this colony, all surcharged on issues of 1902-03, or 1898-1900, with new value twice, and perforated vertically into two halves. None of those chronicled below have the "Republica" surcharge.

Provisional Adhesives.
On Issue of 1902-03.
"1 Real" on 1t carmine.
"1½ Reis" on 9r gray lilac.
On Issue of 1898-1900.
"6 Reis" on 4½t light green.

SURINAM.—In regard to the statement made in No. 1136, to the effect that a 10c value in slate had been issued in the series of provisionals recently chronicled, Edwin W. Fuss writes:

"My correspondent happens to be the party that ordered the new stamps ½c, 2½c, 5c, and 12½c and no 10c was ordered or printed. Besides, had they been printed or even suggested, I would be the first in the United States or anywhere to know it, as my correspondent is a personal friend and no news of further provisional stamps was received."

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—Silas Weatherby has shown us a block of four unused copies of the current 2d purple stamps watermarked Crown A, with a freak perforation, the lower row of stamps having the vertical perforations carried to the right nearly the space of one perforation. Evidently the stamps were perforated with a comb machine and the vertical perforations are far from being in line, the lower perforations cutting into the stamps.

SOUTHERN NIGERIA.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us the shilling value, with portrait of King George, the balance of the design being the same as for the previous issue.

Adhesive.
1sh black on green.

CHAMPION'S 1913 CATALOGUE.

This Standard French Catalog was placed on the market last month and we are desirous that our many subscribers shall be made acquainted with its merits. To this end we make a subscription offer of more than ordinary interest.

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GENIAL STAMP COLLECTORS.

(Editorial in *Christian Science Monitor.*)

The American Philatelic Society is holding its twenty-seventh annual convention at Springfield, Mass. It appears that the 1500 members are well represented and that the proceedings, when put into printed form will interest not only the stamp collectors of the United States but the stamp collectors of all the countries under the sun. For there are stamp collectors everywhere, and there is a tie, a bond, uniting them all. Included in the membership of the American Philatelic Society are some of the most genial, some of the most interesting, some of the most informing men in the nation. As much can and should be said for the stamp-collectors of all nations. You meet one of them on train or shipboard, at home or abroad, in New York or San Francisco, in Tokio or Egypt, on the Alps or Andes, motoring or aeroplaning, and you will not be long in his company before you discover that you have been wasting the most precious moments, hours and years of your life in bothering with the things that have interested or concerned you up to this time.

It is a remarkable fact that the stamp collector can quickly disabuse any ordinary man, if given a fair chance, of the idea that there is anything going on in this world or anything likely to go on in this world that can hold a candle in importance to the things that are going on in the realm of philatelics. It is a pleasing sensation while in the presence of a stamp collector—the circumstances being as they should be—to find one's notions about politics, economics, and business dropping off until one is fully persuaded that so far as having an object in life, so far as developing a career, so far as satisfying an ambition, so far as anything else is concerned, everything save stamp collecting is a sheer waste of time.

The fisherman, the motorboatman, the automobilist, the golfer, the amateur photographer, or the baseball fan, is completely overshadowed and outclassed by the stamp collector, when it is a question of proving to one not in the game that there is nothing on this fair green earth worth while outside of the game. If anybody entertains any doubts concerning this, let him write to the secretary and arrange for the printed proceedings of the Springfield convention. He will not only be satisfied that what is said here is substantially true, but he will learn, in addition, that some of the brightest men in the country have adopted philatelics as a study and that they are serving a very worthy purpose, from an historical and educational point of view, while engaging in a delightful means of recreation.

THE PRECANCELS OF DETROIT, MICH.

By S. M. SCHOEMANN.

Detroit bears a peculiar distinction among the precancel issuing cities. It has never used but one type, and while the varieties of this type are quite prolific, they are found only on the 1902-03 and St. Louis Exposition issue. Of the latter only the 1c and 2c were used. I have been advised by a fellow collector that he possesses a copy of the 3c (St. Louis Ex.), but I can state upon absolute authority that all such are not genuine. I am listing only such varieties as I have in my collection. I have a large number of these cancelled on the various shades, viz., 1c green, 1c blue green, 1c yellow green, 2c carmine, 2c deep carmine, etc., but have thought it best not to list them.

Type I. Horizontal inscription in two lines between heavy bars.

1902—1c spaced 13 mm.
a Spaced 12¾ mm.
b No lower bar.
c Grey ink.
d Double.
e Triple.
f Inverted.
g Inverted, grey ink.
h Inverted, double.
i Vert., down, spaced 13 mm.
j Vert., down, spaced 13 mm., postally cancelled.
k Vert., down, spaced 12¾ mm.
l Vert., down, spaced 12¾ mm., postally cancelled.
m Inverted postally cancelled.

2c spaced 13 mm.
a Spaced 12¾ mm.
b Spaced 12½ mm.
c Grey ink 13 mm.
d Grey ink, 12¾ mm.
e Postal cancellation.
f Double.
g Inverted spaced 13 mm.
h Inverted, spaced 12½ mm.

1903—2c spaced 13 mm.
a Spaced 12¾ mm.
b Double.
c Invert. spaced 13 mm.
d Invert. spaced 12¾ mm.
e Invert. spaced 12½ mm.
f Invert. double.
f Invert. double, one lower bar gone.

1902—3c spaced 13 mm.
a Spaced 12¾ mm.
b Spaced 12½ mm.
c No lower bar.
d Inverted.

4c normal.
a Double.
b Double, postally cancelled.

5c normal.
a Grey ink.
b Postally cancelled.
c Double.
d Invert.
e Invert, postally cancelled.

St. Louis Ex.:—
1c normal, spaced 12¾ mm.
a Spaced 13 mm.
b No lower bar.
c Inverted.

2c normal, spaced 12¾ mm.
a Spaced 13 mm.
b Postally cancelled.
c No lower bar.

Postage Dues:—
1c normal.
a Inverted spaced 13 mm.
b Inverted, spaced 12¾ mm.

2c normal.
a Post. cancelled.
b Inverted.

3c normal.
a Post. cancelled.
5c normal.
10c normal.
a Post. cancelled.

DETROIT, MICH., STATION C.

Type I. Horizontal inscription in three lines between heavy bars. Same type used as in Detroit.

1902—1c spaced 13 mm.
a Spaced 12¾ mm.
b No lower bar.
c Invert, spaced 13 mm.
d Invert, spaced 12¾ mm.
e Invert, no lower bar.
f Invert, double.

1903—2c normal.
a Inverted.
b Inverted double.

Postage Dues:—
1c normal.
2c normal.
a Inverted.

THE STAMPS OF COOK ISLANDS.

(The following commendatory notice appeared in Gibbons' Monthly Journal. This book can be obtained of us for 25c.—ED.)

Of the making of Handbooks there is no end, and the number even of separate series of handbooks must by this time be a respectable one. The latest that has reached us is No. 1 of the "Mekeel Philatelic Handbooks" published by the Mekeel-Severn-Wylie Co., of Boston, Mass., and this opening number is by our friend Mr. B. W. H. Poole, who is doing good philatelic work somewhere San Francisco way, we believe. The Cook Islands stamps are not a very extensive or complicated series at present, indeed we might recommend them to any collector desiring a not too difficult subject for specialization; there are, however, some little points to be studied in the make-up of the sheets of the first issue, and there are flaws and peculiarities in the plates of the later issues, which serve to distinguish some of the stamps and impart interest to their collection and study.

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WITH THE BOY PHILATELIST.

Edited by BERTRAM W. H. POOLE, Box 231, Altadena, Calif.

We propose to insert upon this page matter that will be of interest to the boy collector. Some two thousand boys are now on our mailing list and it is our desire to come closely in contact with them in such a manner as will be most helpful. Any information desired will be cheerfully rendered through these columns. Do not submit stamps for examination.

GREECE.

Some weeks ago a reader asked for an explanation of the designs on the current stamps of Greece and in response to a request then published Mr. L. Lazarus has forwarded the desired explanations.

The 1, 3, and 10 lepta show a head of Hermes of Tanagra copied from an old coin. Hermes, or Mercurius as he was called by the Romans, has been depicted on previous stamps of Greece and also on one of the stamps of Crete. He was one of the Greek gods, the son of Zeus and was born in a cave in Mount Cyllene in Arcadia. According to the legends, he had only been born a few hours when he stole the cattle of Apollo, which he drove from Pieria to Pylos. When Hermes grew up, Zeus made him the herald and messenger of the gods, hence he is now used to typify the mails. It was also his duty to guide the souls of the dead to the lower world. As the herald of the gods, he was the patron deity of eloquence; as the god of prudence and cunning, he was worshipped by merchants and traders; and his reputation for ingenuity caused him to be regarded as the author of the lyre, the alphabet, numbers, gymnastics, weights and measures, etc. He was also worshipped as the patron of roads and travellers; hence the statues called Hermæ were set up to him on roads and at the entrances of buildings. He was also the god of luck. He was especially the patron of gymnastics; and he himself was represented in art as a youth whose figure showed the ideal perfection of graceful and harmonious development of the body, as in the famous statue of him by Praxiteles at Olympia (shown on the 2 drachmai stamp of the 1896 issue for Greece). His regular attributes are a broad-brimmed cap, the herald's staff or caduceus, and the winged sandals which bore him on his journeys. The cap and caduceus are plainly shown in the design of the 1, 3, and 10l stamps. The 25dr stamp is of similar design but much larger.

The 2, 20, 25 and 40 lepta stamps show a full length figure of Iris who, in Greek mythology, was the daughter of Thaumas and Electra. and a sister of the Harpies. The *Iliad* represents her as a messenger of the gods and as a messenger her suitability as a subject for a stamp design is at once apparent. In earlier writers Iris appears as a virgin goddess, but later poets represent her as the wife of Zephyrus and mother of Eros. This design, like that of Hermes, was taken from an ancient coin.

The 5, 30 and 50 lepta all show a full length figure of Hermes in the act of putting on his winged sandals. The 1 lepton stamp of the 1900 issue for Crete shows this deity in a similar pose.

The 1, 2, 3, 5, and 10dr values show Hermes with Arcas.

The dies for these stamps were engraved by Mr. Thomas Macdonald in London, and the stamps were printed by Messrs. Aspiotis, a well known firm of Chromo-lithographic printers of Corfu.

LUBECK.

A correspondent asks for any geographical or historical information regarding the German State of Lubeck (or Luebeck to use the German spelling of the name) which issued its own stamps from 1859 until the end of 1867. This State is situated on the River Trave having an area of 115 square miles and a population of about 100,000. The only towns of any importance are Lubeck and Travemünde. By its Constitution, revised in 1875, the State is governed by a Senate composed of 14 life members and a council of 120 citizens. It is represented in the Reichstag by one member. The free city of Lubeck is one of the three remaining Hanse towns. It was founded in 1140, ceded to the dukes of Saxony in 1158, and captured by the Danes in 1201. After their expulsion it was made a free imperial city (1226) and became the leader of the Hanseatic league in 1241. In 1810 it was annexed by France but regained its liberty in 1813 after the battle of Leipzig. In 1868 it joined the North German Confederation (at which time its separate series of stamps was withdrawn from circulation), and in 1870 it became one of the states of the new empire.

SHORT REPLIES.

H. O. H. S. (Cupertino, Cal.).—The Indian stamps overprinted "Postal Service" or "I. P. N." were not used as postage stamps at all their use being purely fiscal.

R. H. Y. (Canton, Mo.).—Almost any dealer in new issues should be able to supply you with the Leichtenstein stamps. (2) Whitfield King's 1913 catalogue is already published. (3) The 2c value of the "Panama" commemoration series will probably be on sale early next year. (4) Until your collection contains a few thousands of stamps a blank book is better than a large printed album. In the latter a few stamps are apt to be lost and the number of empty spaces is, to say the least of it, discouraging.

E. S. B. (San Francisco).—You will find the set of 1901 Philippine Islands stamps you refer to under numbers 220 to 225 in Scott's catalogue. The album spelling "Phillipines" is incorrect. The word has one "l" and two "p's."

C. B. (Philadelphia).—The words "Gt. Pre" in the overprint on the Haytian stamps are a contraction for "Gouvernment Provisoire" that is "Provisional Government."

G. N. A. (Chicago).—I described how paper is made and all the different varieties in a section of the "Beginner's Guide" some months ago. Yes, the "laid" lines in laid paper may be vertical or horizontal. If both varieties are found on the same value of a set I should certainly treat them as two distinct and collectible varieties.

LADIES AS STAMP COLLECTORS.

Clipping from Rev. Louis Voss.

Stamp collecting, which in these days celebrates its fiftieth anniversary, viz., the publication of the first stamp catalog, is more and more becoming a fad, also in the feminine world. While but a few years ago the other sex had only few representatives in the ranks of philatelists, now the ladies are playing an important role among collectors. At first stamp collecting became the style among fashionable English society. Since then it has extended to the Continent, where it is spreading more and more.

Among female philatelists there are several crowned heads. Queen Mary of England caught the infection from her husband, a passionate collector, and now she possesses a handsome collection herself. Then there is Queen Elena of Italy who collects stamps with hardly less enthusiasm than her husband collects coins. Last year she accepted the position of honorary president of the International Philatelic Exposition at Turin. Several times she received valuable collections from foreign governments that knew of her hobby and now she is proud of the complete sets she possesses of stamps of the United States, the Argentine Republic and France.

Queen Maud of Norway likewise indulges in the sport of stamp-collecting and the Swedish crown princely couple are both deeply interested in it. When Crown Princess Margaret of Connaught married the Swedish Crown Prince, she intimated to the French Government that she would greatly appreciate as a wedding present a complete set of French stamps and she hardly enjoyed as much any other of her valuable presents.

Some English ladies own very extensive and famous collections which can be placed on an equal rank with the most important of male collectors. An almost complete collection of Great Britain and the British Colonies is owned by Mrs. Bridson, though her chief pride is a magnificent collection of Portuguese stamps, for which she has already received several honorary medals.

Another large collector is Mrs. Edith Field, who is a member of many large philatelic societies. In an interview she expressed herself in an interesting manner on the pleasure and charms which stamp collecting has especially for ladies:

"Stamp collecting is so well suited as an occupation for women, because it requires good taste in the arrangement of stamps, cleanliness, accuracy and order—all qualities peculiar to women. Ladies know especially how to appreciate the wonderful colors of the old stamps, their vivid imagination flies over lands and seas and through the centuries of history as they study their stamps. What is better when you are sad, than to delve into the pages of your stamp album? What can help you better to pass the hours than to run your eyes over the many-colored rows that awaken so many reminiscences?"—*Echo.*

HINTS FOR YOUNG DEALERS.

A PERSONAL EXPERIENCE SELLING POSTAGE STAMPS.

BY WILLARD O. WYLIE,
Managing Editor Mekeel's Weekly.

Six years as a dealer taught me that a person of ordinary ability, by close application could build up a trade in stamps substantial and lucrative. In 1898, I was engaged in a business that gave little promise of any promotion, and I was anxious to make a change where I might enter a wider field of action. I did not have much ready cash to launch into a new business, even though I had the courage. Howard K. Sanderson, of Lynn, Mass., said to me one day: "Why not try the stamp business? Give your leisure time to it and work it up gradually!" I followed out the suggestion and my success can be duplicated.

I purchased some Zechmeyer continentals, than which nothing cheaper can be bought, cut out all evening socials and tea parties, and got right down to business. I spent my spare time over the benzine cup and approval sheets, and on the railroad train substituted Scott's catalog for the morning paper. There is no royal road to learning; hard work is the highway to success. I advertised in MEKEEL'S WEEKLY (and that is the only publication I ever used) with uniformly gratifying results.

The *first two years were hard sledding*—naturally so—and especially since I never put a dollar into stamps except profits. All the while, though, my stock books took on form and comeliness, to say nothing of material value. The third year I got on my feet in fine form; in 1902 I sold stamps to the value of $6,000, while in 1903 I even surpassed those figures and, mark you, was giving only my leisure time to the business.

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—Use neat note paper, envelopes and approval books.

—Get a good 10c hinge. Use it and push its sale at every oportunity.

—As soon as you can get together a few stamps make up a price list, have a few hundred printed, and a little later issue another list. Never fill an order without putting in one or more lists. I ran up to No. 26, and my record order was one of $100 in 1903.

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By WASHINGTON GRANT.

CHAPTER I.—DECISION.

The impulse to become a "stamp dealer" is one that masters not only the small boys, but many older persons after they have become interested for a time in stamp collecting. The impulse is a legitimate one, particularly in this American country of ours, with its heritage of a natural merchandizing instinct, and where the stigma of "trade" does not attach to those who buy and sell for amusement, avocation, or for livelihood.

No really great fortune has yet been amassed in stamp dealing, by which is ment that, so far as known, no man has yet succeeded in piling up a full million dollars by buying and selling our interesting bits of paper. It is true, however, that several men in this country and in Europe have in the past retired from the stamp business with fortunes ranging from $100,000 to several times that amount. These sums, which would be highly satisfactory to most of us, were acquired in the "bonanza" days of stamp dealing, in the period from 1880 to 1900, when the steady spread of general stamp collecting all over the world shot up price quotations to a remarkable degree and in many cases supplies of stamps acquired at a few cents or a few pence each were sold a few years later for as many dollars or as many pounds sterling.

The days of such fabulous profits on a large scale are probably over. Since more competition has come in, the business has been reduced to a more solid, mercantile basis, and the greater volume of available stamps has forced the successful dealer to adopt to a greater degree the principle of making quick sales rather than to attempt to hoard his stock in the hope of larger speculative profits in years to come. This is not to say, however, that a wise dealer who happens to secure a large stock of a desirable stamp attempts to force on the market in a hurry more copies than there is a natural demand for. Experienced stamp merchants are not afraid to hold extra quantities for a year or two, or even longer, rather than disgust their customers by letting them see a stamp bought as a bargain decline still more in price simply because the impatient or greedy dealer is not himself willing to carry the same variety which he has perhaps recommended to the collector as an investment. Such matters call for ordinary business judgment, and without business judgment as well as a knowledge of stamps, no man or woman (for there are several ladies in the business) can expect to be a successful stamp dealer.

This brings us to the question: How is one to know if he is qualified to become a successful stamp dealer? If you ask this question yourself, then you know whether you have shown business judgment in other lines. If you are sure that your business ability is good, and you have a working knowledge of stamps, there is no reason why, with pluck, determination, some capital, perseverence and a willingness to work, you should not become a successful stamp dealer. You won't set the world on fire in a day, or even in a year; you will make mistakes, some of them expensive and discouraging, the same as you would probably make in any other new business; it may take longer than you expect to establish your enterprise on a solid, paying basis; but if you stick to it the same qualities that would make you a successful tradesman in your own town will pull you through and make you a real stamp dealer.

The above, of course, applies to you if you are a man grown, of age, with some knowledge of the world and experience in it and a pretty clear idea of your own abilities. But I see several hands raised from the seats in the front row. You may speak, Andrew!

Andrew says that he lacks several years of being twenty-one. He has never been in business for himself and does not know whether he has any "business judgment" or "business ability." He has been collecting stamps for several years, however, and likes them very much and has been doing a little trading with other boys in his own town. Will it be wise for him to go into stamp trading now on a little larger scale and see if he cannot get some mail business as well?

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There are doubtless many readers of MEKEEL'S WEEKLY who have had some intention of starting a stamp business in a small way or who, perhaps, have already done so. It is for the benefit of those readers that this series of articles, of which this is the first, has been prepared.

Future chapters will deal with the way to start a stamp business; how to buy stock and supplies; how and where to get customers and what is especially important, will mention and explain some of the stumbling blocks which have beset the paths of dealers, large and small, in the past.

(*To be continued.*)

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FEDERATION OF COLLECTORS CLUBS.

FOREWORD.

(We are very pleased to publish Mr. Dunning's communication on this subject and interested parties are invited to communicate with him at Newton, Mass. We regret that lack of space prevents the opening of our columns to a general discussion of the subject. Write Mr. Dunning.—Ed.)

I say "foreword" for that is practically all that this is. If any interest is excited, I may say that I have ideas which might prompt a second communication on this subject. There is no question whatever of this scheme being realized one of these days, but whether the time is now ripe, or not, is a question.

The following outline sketch of a Federation of Collectors Clubs, is written in the hope that it may provoke discussion, and I should be very glad to hear the views of other collectors upon this subject. That some such organization is needed and would prove of benefit—if wisely instituted and intelligently managed—I have little doubt. However, such a federation, to be of the greatest value to all concerned, must be very carefully planned, not only to include every useful feature within its scope, but to avoid pitfalls in the nature of unwise and hasty acts. Furthermore, provision must be made for the permanency of the organization and for the safest possible custody of its records. Its officers must be men who are fitted for their tasks—men whose judgment is safe and sane and not biased by spite or personal motives of any kind. To be of the greatest value such an organization should be international and world wide in its scope. Opinions both as to the feasibility and practicability of the scheme, as well as to what should be included and what excluded, together with ideas and suggestions in any way germane to the subject, are earnestly solicited and will be carefully considered and submitted to the committee of organization—should such a committee be formed.

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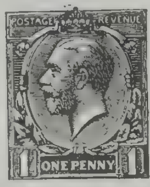
HONOR TO MR. PACK.

A signal honor was paid to Charles Lathrop Pack, in his election to the Presidency of the American Conservation Congress for next year. These annual congresses, of which the one held in Indianapolis was the fourth, have become a strong factor in furthering the conservation of national resources. Attended by delegates from the different states and municipalities, they provide a means for discussion and afford an agency through which the people of the country may frame policies and principles affecting conservation. Mr. Pack, who is one of the foremost authorities on forestry in the United States, has been closely allied with the conservation movement from the first. He has taken an active interest in former congresses and is keenly alive to their opportunities and possibilities. The American Conservation Congress is to be congratulated on its choice for president. He will undoubtedly do much to increase the usefulness of the organization and to broaden the field of its endeavor.—*Cleveland Town Topics.*

NEW BRITISH STAMPS.

By kindness of Fred J. Melville we have received specimens of the new 1d and 3d stamps of Great Britain, and the 1d we illustrate herewith.



Mr. Kidder will no doubt refer to these new issues in his Chronicle, but we deem them worthy of special attention in view of the fact that the 1d appears without any heralding. Mr. Melville suggests that the change in the design of the penny stamp may be attributed to the propaganda for an improved postage stamp in connection with the recent British Stamp Exhibition.

The new penny stamp is a distinct improvement over the old design, while the three-penny in a handsome shade of violet has a design very much like the two-penny recently chronicled.

BRITISH EXHIBITION AWARDS.

AT THE BRITISH EXHIBITION JUST CONCLUDED.

Mr. Pack's specialized collection of Brazil received the grand gold medal offered by Baron Leijonhuvvud for exhibit of specialized collection of Brazil 1894-1904, while C. A. Howes informs us that his Corea secured for him a bronze medal. The *Philatelic Gazette* by cable despatch gives complete list of United States medal winners as follows:

Chas. L. Pack, grand gold, Brazil, 1894-1904.
Chas. L. Pack, gold, Queensland, 1879-80.
Chas. L. Pack, gold, Uruguay, 1856 Diligencia.
Chas. L. Pack, silver gilt, Argentine, Rivadavia.
E. R. Ackerman, gold medal, British Guiana.
Henry J. Crocker, gold medal, for rarities.
John N. Luff, silver medal, early Samoas.
C. A. Howes, bronze medal, Corea.
E. M. Taylor, Silver medal, Tonga.
J. A. Steinmetz, bronze, United States.
Eugene Klein, bronze, Danube Navigation.
N. E. Stamp Co., silver, for publications.

This is certainly a very creditable list of prize winners and we congratulate the exhibitors upon the showing made. We expect a detailed account of the Exhibition for an early issue of the WEEKLY.

It will be interesting to note that Mr. Pack's specialized study and display of the stamps of Brazil 1894-1904 received the grand gold medal, in view of the fact that it shows the possibilities of specializing by a man of moderate means. The highest priced 100r stamp in the whole exhibit cost only 18c and most of the stamps cost less than 1c each. Mr. Pack's great success at the London Exhibition completely refutes the idea that advanced philatelic work cannot be done with low priced material.

It is a matter of great satisfaction that Mr. Pack should be accorded the high honor attendant upon the receipt of a grand gold medal, and American philately has received a tribute of marked respect. Mr. Pack's collection will be exhibited in London at a meeting of the Royal Philatelic Society on November 7, when Thomas William Hall will read the particulars of the new discoveries and progressive work connected with Mr. Pack's research.

In common with American philatelists we extend our congratulations and the congratulations of our many readers to Charles Lathrop Pack and those associated with him in the recognition accorded American exhibitors.

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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

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Other sales booked for Nov. 29 and 30 and Dec. 13 and 14.

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DEATH OF HENRY J. CROCKER.

We made a brief mention last week of the death of Mr. Crocker. It was based upon the following from a San Francisco paper dated Oct. 11:—

"Henry J. Crocker, capitalist, former state harbor commissioner and one-time candidate for mayor of San Francisco, died this morning at 11:30 o'clock, in Adler's Sanitarium. His health had been failing for several months but he did not become seriously ill until a few weeks ago while sojourning at his country home on the McCloud River. A week ago last Sunday his condition became alarming and he was removed to the sanitarium in this city. Since that time he had been sinking rapidly and the end today was not unexpected. Death was due to a complication of liver and kidney complaints.

Crocker, who was about 50 years of age, was a member of the well-known Crocker family which has figured so prominently in the social and financial history of this city and state. He was a nephew of Charles and Henry S. Crocker and a first cousin of William H. and Colonel Charles Crocker. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Mary Ives Crocker, and five children, Harry, Clark and the Misses Marian, Kate and Mary Crocker.

Crocker was prominently identified with the leading clubs of this city, being a member of the Pacific Union, Bohemian and Family clubs, as well as numerous others. His financial interests were very extensive. He was president of the West Coast Life Insurance Company, vice president of the Italian-American Bank, a director of the American National Bank, vice president of the H. S. Crocker Company, the local stationery concern, vice president of the Refining and Producing Oil Company and a director in numerous other large corporations. His fortune is estimated high in the millions.

The family has for years occupied a handsome home at Laguna and Washington streets, where Mr. and Mrs. Crocker dispensed lavish hospitality."

While nothing is said concerning Mr. Crocker's philatelic possessions it is well known that he was one of the world's foremost collectors. His collection of Hawaiian stamps, particularly of missionaries and numerals, was most superb and his study of these stamps marked him a philatelic student whose loss will be felt severely.

He was president of the Pacific Philatelic Society and was giving much attention to promoting a philatelic interest in the great 1915 exhibition. Truly our loss is great.

19th CENTURY

The following 100 items are taken from a collection purchased a few days ago. This is a good old time collection (no stamps since 1895), mostly used though quite a few of the 1880 to 1890 issues of Colonies are mint. Send want list of any special stamps needed. While there were no great rarities most of the spaces were filled.

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EDITORIAL.

Death of Mr. Ewen—*Ewen's Weekly Stamp News* for October 5th conveys the news of the death of H. L'Estrange Ewen, founder and editor of *Ewen's Weekly Stamp News*. His death followed a long illness but so contrary was it to Mr. Ewen's policy to recognize the personal equation that it was not known generally that he was ailing. Mr. Ewen was a splendid specialist in the stamps of Great Britain; and his standard catalogue of British Stamps and Postmarks, published in 1893 was the first special catalogue of the kind, it is claimed. Mr. Ewen was a keen student of the railway mail letter stamps of Great Britain and his monumental work of 430 pages on the subject, published in 1901 is the one complete record of these stamps. *Ewen's Weekly Circular*, which was first published in 1897 was developed into *Ewen's Weekly Stamp News* in 1899, and the whole number of the two journals is 766. Mr. Ewen perhaps was the first to organize a new issue service of magnitude on a systematic basis and his colonial stamp market did much to make the collecting of the stamps of the twentieth century both popular and fashionable. Mr. Ewen's remarkable philatelic aptitude made him one of the foremost stamp men of the day and we regret to have to announce his death at an age comparatively young.

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Who Can Tell?—What has become of the old-fashioned collector who did not care for United States but wanted foreign only? Has he stolen away in company with the o. f. c. who made his unused stamps used by pen-stroking them neatly himself? On the other hand, what has become of the old-fashioned dealer who did not mount his stock in books but sold it loose out of a box? Has he strayed away with the o. f. d. who thought that it was all right to sell sets of fac-similes of Confederate locals and eke those of Hamburg?

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Worst Has Come—Our political department. Someone writes: "Here is one really too good to keep out of the political department. At our stamp meeting Thursday last, one of those restless members who was always on the hunt for watermarks, said, with a shout: 'I see the elephant,' (on an Indian stamp), whereat, one of our wags (of whom we have several) said in a droll enough way, 'I say, you should vote for Chafin.' 'No,' replied the watermarker, 'I shall vote for Taft; I have just found the G. O. P.' Needless to say that this ringing reply was cheered until the rafters rang; and now the watermark chap is the lion of the society, you know. What say you?" A glass of mead, please.

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Made Good—We congratulate the Junior Philatelic Society upon the success of the great exhibition under its auspices, at London. The exhibition, signally favored by King George as an exhibitor, as it was, scored a "veritable triumph." The news of the grand opening of the exhibition was gathered from a cablegram that appeared in one of the leading newspapers and we dutifully acclaim this sapient London correspondent who does not hesitate to expend cable tolls in reporting philatelic events.

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A Coming Sale—Through the courtesy of Mr. B. T. K. Smith of London, we are enabled to make an announcement that will excite no little anticipation on the part of those who are interested in the literature of philately. The great library of Alfred Smith is to come on the open market and as it is the first of its kind to be dispersed, we believe, amateurs of the literature of stamps will rejoice at the prospect. "Its foundation dates from the year 1862 and it has been continued unceasingly since the death in 1880 of the late Mr. A. W. Smith up to the present day. Its scope embraces the whole range of British and foreign philatelic publications and it is especially rich as may be imagined, in the early rarities of philatelic literature, notable among these being one of the very few perfect copies known of the first published catalogue of postage stamps, namely the 'Catalogue des Timbres-Poste' of Alfred Potiquet (Paris, 1861)." A priced list of items in the library is in compilation and due notice of its appearance will be made.

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Even So—Parnassus Penflip: "As a philatelic knight, filled with surging thought, I course the country over to bring into the flash-light of fame, great artistic achievement. Let it now be recorded for posterity that a cigarette company is illuminating insensate wood with a picture of a girl whose pose and costume bespeak the freedom of the golden west, telephoning a gent in similar habiliments, in these historic words: 'Foreign stamps, Dick Yes, in every package of ——— cigarettes.' Thus do we see that all the children of the earth claim kindred with philately; and how we glow at the thought of the cow lady and cow gent, after a harrowing day's work on the range, wrapt in the witchery of stamps, in their solitary cabin far from the paths of civilization." Even so, but we wager that they cannot get away from those unsolicited approval sheets.

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Personal—Mr. A. G. Burgoyne, Pittsburg, who was one of the party of prominent newspaper men who made the trip to the Yellowstone as guests of Mr. Hill has returned home, improved in health, and richer in appreciation of the natural wonders of our country. Mr. Burgoyne, although assistant librarian of the American Philatelic Society, is not so closely attached to stamps at present as formerly, when his name almost was synonymous with foreign revenues; and this circumstance we regret, as he is one of the real philatelic celebrities. It was a privilege to hear from Mr. Burgoyne's own lips, the story of the purchase by the Carnegie Institute of his superb collection of foreign revenue stamps which was one of the best ever assembled and which was replete with examples of original research. Mr. F. E. Goodwin of St. Louis, was a recent visitor to Chicago where he met many collectors who have been following his studies with keen attention. Mr. Goodwin made the statement that one of his principal objects in writing the U. S. articles was to secure the release of many bits of knowledge of the stamps of the United States that are in the possession of collectors and it is gratifying that he has been successful on that score. He has given the necessary stimulus that calls forth this private information, so to say. It is our intention to reprint Mr. Goodwin's articles as our third handbook, number two of which is promised for an early appearance.

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An Answer—A reader asks why type I of the one-cent, 1851, should be scarcer than type I of the one-cent, 1857-60 issue, in view of the explanation that has been made rather often that the purpose of cutting away of the ends was to allow for the accommodations of perforations. In the case of the one-cent stamp we believe that the perforation theory is a fanciful one and that the sole reason that type I imperforate is more valuable is because of the increased use of the perforated one-cent, all types in the aggregate, in comparison with the imperforate. Mr. Luff says that the sheets seemed to be made up, regardless of any rule as "all the varieties are found scattered irregularly over some plates, on others, they occur in rows."

THE LISTING OF PRECANCELS.

Last week we used up nearly a column of space in our Chronicle listing types of precancels that would do credit to an acrobatic performance. We want to know whether our readers were at all interested. We are glad to publish all the news but question whether these hair-splitting varieties are worthy of the consideration that we give them. If our subscribers tell us that they want this news, it will be continued. If not, it will be discontinued. Just send us a post card so that we may know your desires.

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CHAPTER XIV.

2 Cents, Issue of 1863-1868.

A stamp to which no true lover of the artistic ever turns, is the 2 cent black of 1863. This is about the most hideous looking stamp ever allowed to disgrace the face of an envelope, and were it not for a number of features worthy of study, the specialist would gladly pass it by with the contentment of possessing merely a single specimen. The big black face of Andrew Jackson stares out at one so stolidly and even defiantly that he is willing to turn quickly to the dark, sorrowful features of Lincoln on the next stamp issued.

Forbidding as this stamp looks, there is still so much in it for study that one must give it considerable place in his album, and three or four pages will be very well filled before all of the collectible things have been put into place.

The 2 cents black is one of two of this entire issue which bears a well defined double transfer, or as it is wrongfully termed—shifted die. At least this is my belief. The other is the 15 cents black—Lincoln head. At least two varieties of the double transfer are known, the most common showing very plainly in the line which runs through the letter U at the lower left hand corner. The scarcer variety shows just a faint trace of color through the inscription at the top.

This stamp first saw the light of day on July 1, 1863. It is printed on white wove paper of different degrees of thickness, and later appeared on vertical laid paper. It is very commonly found on what is termed a gray surfaced paper, but this was due to improper inking of the plates, causing the partially wiped parts of the plate to leave the traces of ink upon the surface of the paper.

Fortunately for the collector this stamp did not come in with the August lot, and he is spared the pain of not having opportunity of possessing them all.

It has been found imperforate vertically.

The stamp was printed on Dr. Francis' chemical paper—that brown wove paper which changed color when cancelled with a sort of acid.

The stamp is not over-prolific in shades, coming in gray, gray-black, and full black. There is also a peculiar shade of greenish black, probably caused by the plate being wiped with the cloth used for another color of ink.

Seven plates were used to print this stamp, their numbers being 28, 29, 30, 31, 50, 51 and 53. There were printed for distribution 256,566,000 stamps before being put to the grilling process.

When the grille was adopted this stamp was also put through the embossing rollers, and as a result a number of varieties of grilles have been found. The sizes so far known are:

Size.	*Points.*
12x15	15x19
12x14½	15x18
11x14	14x18
11x13	14x16
9x14	12x18
9x13½	12x17
9x13	12x16
8½x13½	11x17
8½x13	11x16

The records show that there were 76,559,100 stamps issued after the grille was applied. But as was the case with those which have been described before, stamps printed before the adoption of the grille were undoubtedly run through the rollers, making the supply not very limited.

The double transfer also exists in the grilled stamp.

There is a plate variety, known to exist in the ungrilled stamps, which I described in these columns a few weeks ago. This minor variety exists in the point of hair at the right side of the top of the head. That point is almost entirely obliterated by cutting the lines of shade deep and heavy. I have not been able to find this variety in the grilled stamps, but expect that it does so exist. It stands to reason that it should, as probably all of the seven plates were used to print the grilled stamps.

Double grilles are not infrequent, and split grilles are almost as common as the normal ones. The end roller grille ought to exist in these stamps, but I have never heard of them. But then there are lots of things coming up, now that collectors are studying their stamps, which we never heard of before.

The Dr. Francis patent chemical paper also exists grilled, in size 11x14. The grilles in these stamps were never pressed out by pneumatic pressure.

(*To be continued.*)

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CHRONICLE OF NEW ISSUES AND VARIETIES

Edited by **Henry A. Kidder.**

Any information regarding new issues will be gratefully received and acknowledged. Address HENRY A. KIDDER, 17 Addison St., Arlington, Mass. Letters calling for a reply should contain a self-addressed, stamped envelope. We cannot give applicants the addresses of our correspondents. Correspondence regarding precancelled stamps must be sent to FRANK B. ELDREDGE, Attleboro, Mass., when due credit will be given in this department.

ARGENTINE.—A correspondent in Buenos Ayres informs *Champion's Bulletin* that the 5c and 12c values of the current series, which have previously been printed in New York, will hereafter be printed by the Caseda de Moneda in Buenos Ayres, like the other values of the series. The price will be 14 centavos per 100, instead of 50 centavos.

BELGIUM.—*Champion's Bulletin* and *Lemaire's Journal* chronicle and illustrate several new values in the new set. The higher values are in the same design as those previously chronicled, with portrait of King Albert, but the 2c is in a new design, different from either the 1c or the 5c values, previously chronicled. The Belgian Lion is surrounded by a white tablet containing "Belgique" to the left and "Belgie" to the right. In the lower left corner is a large "2" and opposite a large "C." The crown surmounts the tablet, and small scrolls fill the upper corners.

Adhesives.

2c brown.
20c olive.
25c ultramarine.

The above stamps have been shown us by Whitfield King & Co. and the New England Stamp Co.

BAHAMAS.—Our English contemporaries now chronicle the 1d value in the new King George set, though we have not yet seen it.

Adhesive.

1d carmine.

BRUNEI.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us the 50c value of the current design in the universal color scheme.

Adhesive.

50c black on green.

CHILE.—The L. L. Albright Co. shows us the first of the new stamps announced in No. 1119, though the statement there made on the authority of *Maury's Collectionneur* proves to have been incorrect as to color and portrait. The specimen before us is the 10c value, and with the exception of the figures of value in the lower corners, is an exact reproduction of the previous 5c stamp, except that the portrait is in black.

Adhesive.

10c dark blue and black.

CHINA.—Mr. Schachne has shown us the current cards with the vertical overprint in red and 14 mm. high.

Post Cards.

1c yellow green on white; divided face.
1cx1c yellow green on white, divided face; T.3.

GREAT BRITAIN.—Judging from the contents of recent letters from England, the British postal authorities sprung a surprise on the English philatelists, October 8, when the new 1d stamp was issued. No advance announcement was made of a change of design, and the

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4	2pi greenish blue	2.16
5	5pi rose	2.18
6	20pa yellow	1.41
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80	1p on half of 2 pi	1.87
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*3	1sh slate blue	3.41
4	1p dull red	1.41
7a	½p on 6p gray blk.	4.86
9	½p on 1p dull red.	1.87
11	½p on 1p dull red.	1.34
*29	4p on 6p gray black	3.61
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*39	1sh slate green	5.98
40	4p ultramarine	1.21
43	1p orange brown	1.32
44	2½p red brown	.36
45	4p gray	.22
51	1893, ½p on 4p gray	7.96
29	Tuscany 80c pale red brown	2.34
6	Two Sicilies 50g pale lake	1.71
10	½g orange	3.04
*10	Uruguay 120c blue	3..57
*22	8c bright green	.91
50b	5c blue, imperf.	1.99
97	1894, 25c vermilion	1.28
11	Venezuela 1864, ½c pale red	1.41
12	1c slate	1.87
14	1866, ½c yellow green	2.19
15	1c blue green	1.89
19	2r yellow	1.21
38	1879, 5r rose	1.74
46	10b rose	1.21
76b	1887, 5c green, imperf.	.99
	pair $2.06; block of four	4.21
77c	25c orange, imperf.	.99
	pair $2.06; block of four	4.21
95a	10c brown, inverted	1.07
309a	5c on 50c. inverted	2.21
1	Victoria 1850, 1p dull red	1.49
2	1p rose	1.11
6a	2p gray lilac	4.71
7a	2p gray lilac	3.54
14	2p reddish brown.	.91
17	6p orange	.56
19	1854, 2sh green	4.97
20	6p orange	4.96
25	1860, 1sh blue	.79
26	2sh green	1.84
28	1864, 2sh blue	.94
29	1856, 1p green	1.41
43	1p blue green	1.21
46	4p rose	1.91
47	2p dark lilac	.43
57	3p blue	.91
58	3p claret	2.96
67	1p green	.54
69	1p green	1.87
74	1864, 1p green	.46
82	2p gray lilac	.56
91	4p rose	.44
107	1sh blue	.67
108	1870, 6p blue	1.46
113	3p orange	.36
118	8p brown, **rose**	.41
119	1sh blue, **blue**	1.81
120	8p brown, **rose**	1.21
121	1871, 9p on 10br & blue	.56
122	1873, ½p on 1p gr. & red	.89
125	5sh blue & carmine	1.21
126	5sh blue & carmine	1.57
133	1875, 1p green, **gray**	3.64
136	2p violet, greenish	1.21
137	2p violet, **brownish**	.97
138	1sh blue, **blue**	.41
139	2sh blue, green	1.19
153	1884, 1sh blue, yellowish	.71
158	2sh blue, greenish	1.41
166	1886, 1sh lilac brown	.41
205	1901, 5sh verm. & blue	.49
401	1854, 1sh rose & blue	1.47
509	1890, 2sh red br'n & blue	1.05
510	5sh " "	1.99
524	1895, 5sh green & rose	1.44
1	Virgin Islands, 1p green	1.41
3	1867, 1p blue green	2.07
4	1p yellow green	2.61
5	4p lake	1.61
9	1p green	1.49
10	1880, 1p green	.96
*11	2½p red brown	3.51
14	1883, 1p rose	.52
20	Western Australia 1p rose	1.19
21	2p blue	.47
26	1864, 1p lake	.36
32	4p carmine	.41
33	6p violet	.47
34	1sh bright green	.47
35	1872, 1p bistre	.46
38	4p carmine	6.05
41	1875, 1p on 2p yellow	.62
42	1p on 3p red br.	.43
202	1893, 2p on 3p lilac.	.41
53	Wurtemberg '69, 70k red violet	17.21
27a	Zanzibar 2½p on 1a 6p	2.91
31a	2½ on 2c ultramarine	4.51
53	1896, 2½ on 4a bl. gr. & red	1.96
54	2½ on 4a "	3.69
6	Zululand 1888, 6p violet	1.96
9	1890, 2½p violet	1.97
10	5p lilac & blue	.61
11	9p blue & lilac	1.97
12	1sh green	2.85

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Etc.

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1d on 4d inverted.
1d on 4d invertedused.
Etc.

secret appears to have been well kept, but from the specimens sent us by Fred J. Melville, W. E. Whitnall and J. A. E. Lowe, from widely separated offices in England, the new stamps were placed on sale simultaneously at a number of postoffices. After the somewhat florid ornamentation of the first King George "penny red," the new stamp seems rather plain and severe, and yet we have no doubt the general concensus of opinion will be that it is a vast improvement over its predecessor. The portrait of the King used is the McKennal profile portrait, which has taken the place of the unsatisfactory photograph at first used. This portrait is the same as that used on all the recent Colonial issues, though it is of large size, like those on the new stamps of Bahamas, Cyprus and Gibralter. The portrait oval extends nearly to the top of the stamp, leaving just room for the crown, which is smaller than in recent issues, with the rim in a straight line like that on the new Cyprus stamps. The orb on the top of the crown extends above the frame line, like all the recent issues. Fillets of ribbon extend from either side of the crown, the ends terminating in the corners formed by the upper tablet and the top of the oval. The portrait has an oval molded frame, and thus resembles a framed picture rather than a medallion. Wreaths of oak and laurel are arranged below the frame, extending half way up the oval. The colorless figures of value are contained in small tablets in the lower corner, with the value in words between. The portrait hangs from a wide tablet, which shows "Postage" at the left and "Revenue" at the right, in small letters near the top frame line. The whole effect is excellent there being none of the crowding of ornaments so prominent on all other King George issues of Great Britain. The new stamps are perforated 15x14 and are printed on paper with the new watermark. We are informed by the New England Stamp Co. that the new 1d stamp has already appeared in two distinct shades.

Simultaneously with the issue of the new 1d stamp, appeared the 3d King George, specimens having been shown us by Fred J. Melville and the New England Stamp Co. The design is the same as the 2d value recently chronicled, except the necessary change in value. The color is a rich shade of violet, but the paper is white, the first time this value has appeared on white paper since the issue of 1884. The perforation is 15x14, and the sheets bear the control number 12 for the first time.

Adhesives.

1d carmine.
1d carmine rose.
3d violet.

The chronicle of the ½d and 1d coiled stamps in No. 1137 should have stated that the stamps were on old watermarked paper and not the new.

Ewen's Weekly reports having seen two distinct shades of the King George 2d stamp, recently issued, pale orange and dark orange.

GRENADA.—*Scott's Circular* says that a new issue of postage stamps, with head of King George, will replace the present Arms type some time in January next.

HAYTI.—We find in *Champion's Bulletin* the chronicle of two new values in the Leconte series. the 5c of the same series having been described in No. 1126.

Adhesives.

1c carmine.
2c orange.

PARAGUAY.—The New England Stamp Co. has shown us a new provisional from this country, the 50c carmine of 1910 having been surcharged "Habilitada—en—VEINTE" in three lines with a narrow rule below, the overprint being in black.

Provisional Adhesive.

20c on 50c carmine; black surcharge.

PORTUGAL.—Mr. Schachne has shown us another card of the permanent issue which we find is like the single card noted in No. 1132.

Post Card.

1cx1c dark green on buff; divided face; L. 3.

PORTUGUESE INDIES.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us another value in the split provisionals from this Colony, this last also being without the "Republica" surcharge, perforated vertical into two halves.

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—Geo. C. Asby, Union Center, Wis. advises us that he has had the misfortune to lose by fire a twelve years' accumulation of stamps including his general collection of U. S. and foreign, also precancels, match and medicine, and foreign revenues. Mr. Asby feels keenly not only the loss of his stamps, but as well his philatelic library of about two hundred volumes. The only books saved were half a dozen bound volumes of MEKEEL'S and the complete second series of the *American Journal of Philately*. If any of our readers have duplicate copies of the WEEKLY or other stamp papers Mr. Asby will appreciate very much the receipt of the same.

—H. V. Blackburn of Toronto, Can., is now located at Winnipeg, Man. and his many friends will be pleased to know that he is now connected with the Hobby Club and its official organ, *The Hobbyist*.

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O. D. Challans calls our attention to a displayed claim made by a monthly contemporary and asks "How about it?" It was our intention to pass the matter by unnoticed, but Mr. Challan's query has changed our mind. Here is the claim:—

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(For the benefit of our advertisers as well as subscribers we shall keep all sales posted and desire early receipt of catalogs that dates may be promptly entered.)

Oct. 30.—Eugene Klein Inc. will sell the 20th Century Collection of Victor Du Pont.

Oct. 31.— B. L. Drew & Co., Boston, a "20th Century" sale.

Nov. 1-2.—Philadelphia Stamp Co. will sell the second part of the R. P. Lee collection.

Nov. 8.—Bartels Co. auction in N. Y. City. U. S. and foreign, also same on covers.

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WITH THE BOY PHILATELIST.

Edited by BERTRAM W. H. POOLE, Box 231, Altadena, Calif.

We propose to insert upon this page matter that will be of interest to the boy collector. Some two thousand boys are now on our mailing list and it is our desire to come closely in contact with them in such a manner as will be most helpful. Any information desired will be cheerfully rendered through these columns. Do not submit stamps for examination.

THE BEGINNERS' GUIDE.

MISCELLANEOUS EXPLANATIONS.

In the chapters dealing with the manufacture of postage stamps we have referred to and explained the meaning of several technical terms frequently met with such as plate, die, etc., and we have now to supplement that information by mentioning a few other terms used in catalogues and articles in connection with line-engraved stamps.

The first term we have to consider is *re-engraved:* either the die from which the plate is made, or the plate itself, may be re-engraved, and stamps so produced are distinguished as being from (1) a *re-engraved die* or (2) a *re-engraved plate.* When a die or plate becomes worn by continual use so that impressions from it are not satisfactory some or all of the lines of the design have to be re-cut or re-engraved. As a rule the alterations made are sufficiently marked to be noticeable in the finished stamps so that it is possible to identify them from impressions in the original state. To be strictly accurate a die rarely becomes sufficiently worn to require re-engraving from that cause alone. Dies are re-engraved with the idea of strengthening various parts so that certain lines in the design will show more plainly in the printed stamps. Thus in the first 1d stamps of Great Britain the shading round the eye, etc., was a little too faint so the die was re-engraved with the object of more strongly defining this shading. The 1c, 3c, 6c, and 10c United States stamps of 1881-82 furnish excellent examples of the differences made by re-engraving the dies. If these are compared with the original designs it will be found that considerable alteration has been made.

When plates are made from a die and any re-engraving takes place it is the die that is re-engraved so that on the new plates the stamps are all alike though, of course, different from those on the original plate. When, however, the plates were originally engraved by hand such as the early Mauritius, the "Sydney Views" of New South Wales, etc., then the plate itself has to be re-engraved. The work of renovation may be confined to only certain stamps on the plate or to the whole of them. As a rule these hand engraved plates were made of some soft metal like copper which wore very quickly; consequently after a certain number of impressions had been printed it was necessary to re-engrave the plates before they were in a fit state to be used again. The plate for the 2d Sydney View was entirely re-engraved on three separate occasions and each time radical alterations were made to the design so that not only can the different states of the plate be distinguished but the stamps may be "plated" in either state. In addition the plate was re-touched at least twice. Perhaps the most interesting stamp known for its re-engravings and re-touches is the Bolivian 5c label of 1866. The plate was entirely re-engraved on several occasions, and in between these re-engravings certain stamps were re-touched (sometimes the alterations or additions made were trivial in the extreme) so that it forms one of the most difficult studies any specialist can attempt.

Re-cut, a term we have mentioned above, is sometimes used to denote re-engraving, but its use in this connection is not strictly correct. It would perhaps be better to refer to re-cutting as the actual work involved in altering a plate or die and re-engraving to denote the finished article.

Another term often met with, and also mentioned above, is *re-touch.* This is generally used as though it were synonymous with re-engraved but the two terms should not be used in the same connection, but, rather, should be made to convey two distinct ideas. Re-engraved we have already explained; and re-touch, in our opinion, should only refer to minor alterations made to a plate. It should, in short, refer to a local "touching up" and not to a careful re-engraving of a whole design.

The fact that a plate can wear to such an extent as to require re-engraving obviously shows in impressions printed from it and one thus finds such terms as *early impressions* and *worn plate* in philatelic literature. An early impression, as the name implies, is one taken from the plate while all the details of the design are bold and distinct, while in stamps printed from a worn plate the finer lines of the design have disappeared altogether, and the whole is indistinct or blurred. Between these two extremes there are innumerable stages which are more or less explicitly described as *intermediate* or *medium impressions.* These "states of the plate" have considerable bearing on the value of such stamps as the early New South Wales, Mauritius, Tasmania, etc. For instance Gibbons prices an early impression of the 1d "Post Paid" Mauritius of 1848 at $125.00 while the same variety from very worn plate is only valued at $10.00.

(*To be continued.*)

SHORT REPLIES.

E. B. C. (Oregon City).—Your Bechuanaland stamp must be a forgery if it has the C C watermark as you state.

B. H. L. (Chicago).—Your stamps bearing the name "BAYERN" belong to Bavaria this being the German equivalent.

F. H. (Milwaukee).—I think I have already stated in these columns that I do not believe in the authenticity of any of the Haytian imperforate stamps of Scott's type A18. I believe they are entirely counterfeit.

OUR BOOK REVIEW.

Once again we have the standard German catalog of Gebrüder Senf with us, in good time for the season of 1912-13. It has increased its size by some 80 pages, but otherwise is unchanged in appearance. It is in the usual narrow, upright "pocket size," but unlike most catalogs uses but one column to a page, which makes it rather thick. However, these pages are full of information for the collector, foot notes and headings combining to give him a mine of information concerning the various issues of all countries.

The catalog is issued in two parts, adhesives and entires, but the one before us includes only the former. The illustrations are hardly on a par with most catalogs, as they are much reduced in size and are line-cuts which are often lacking in clearness. Yet in many cases they are amply sufficient to serve for the identification of the stamps themselves, and this is really the main point.

The countries are arranged absolutely alphabetically, even the states of the Colombian Republic being in their proper alphabetical order. This has its advantages in looking up the countries in a catalog, but it hardly seems the proper way to mount a collection—one specializing in Colombia would doubtless want all the state issues together, following the national issues,—but this is rather beside the question as we are reviewing the catalog. Foreign post offices of any country, however, follow the national issues both logically *and* alphabetically, which gives them their proper position.

Main varieties of stamps are the only ones given the serial numbering in the lists, the minor varieties being noted in various methods by sub-lettering, etc., which is now the accepted way of making up lists. We do not find enlargements of type varieties, which would make such differences plainer to the novice. There are, however, many points given under the "General Remarks" at the beginning of the volume which serve to instruct the amateur in the technicalities of the science.

A general index for the catalog is given as a separate folder, which "contains all the names of the countries entered in the catalog, in *German, English* and *French* language, also the inscriptions and surcharges of all stamps which do not bear the name of any country or an abbreviated one, with directions where to find them."

The book is a valuable addition to the philatelist's library, and it already has a good circulation among American collectors. It can be obtained of Gebrüder Senf, Leipzig, Germany, for 98 cents, post free.

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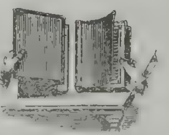

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CHAPTER XV.

15 Cents, Issue of 1866-68.

The study of the so-called war-time stamps close with this denomination, the last of this interesting series to be issued. Although printed in black, the 15 cents is not repulsive in appearance as is the 2 cents, and bearing the portrait of the martyred President Lincoln, has sentimental reasons to overcome the sombre hue, which appeal to some collectors.

By act of Congress on March 3, 1863, the postmaster general was authorized to fix a registration fee at any sum he saw fit. Acting under this power the high postal official caused the registration fee to be fixed at 15 cents, and on April 15, 1866, the 15 cents black stamp was issued to the public.

The stamp is very free from shades, and plate varieties, being found only in gray black and full black; but upon several papers—very thin, thin, medium and thick. By improper wiping of the plates the stamp is found on a gray-surfaced paper, so-called, but I doubt that it is strictly collectible. The stamp was printed from plate number 41, and during the year in which it was issued, in its ungrilled state, there were 2,139,300 stamps printed and issued.

This stamp has been found with double transfer, and as only one plate was used this "shift" ought not to be uncommon or rare. Nevertheless one will look a long while before he will find a copy showing the double transfer, and it certainly did not occur in more than one stamp on the plate, as all of the copies show just a slight trace of the "shift" in the lower left corner.

In common with all of the other denominations, the 15 cents black was grilled. There are but two sizes listed in the catalogs and handbooks. But there were at least five different collectible sizes. Perhaps there were others. If there are they ought to be scarce, as the grilles have been well measured by collectors and specialists.

The sizes so far known are:

Size.	*Points.*
11x13½	14x17
11x13	14x16
9x14	12x18
9x13½	12x17
9x13	12x16

Of these grilled stamps there were issued 2,536,360. No one knows the relative number of each size which were printed, and the value can only be determined in the proportion which each size bears to the whole, when several hundred are examined. I believe that many grilles supposed to measure according to catalog, will, on receiving a more accurate measurement and count show other sizes than what they are supposed to be. Collectors should use a correct measurement gauge, with dividers, and if possible, count the points upon the back of the stamp.

The stamp is found rarely in part perforate vertically, and I have a copy imperforate all around, with good margins. I cannot vouch for its being issued for postage in that form, however, as I have never seen or heard of an imperforate pair.

The cardboard and India paper proofs should be collected, as well as the stamp overprinted "Specimen." I am certain that no trial printings were ever made, such as I have described in other denominations.

There are several forms of cancellations which might be well collected. The red is rather rare; blue is found more frequently. I have seen two or three copies with Paid cancellations, but no other things out of the ordinary. Year dated cancellations are quite rare and to one who collects them ought to be worth a fair premium.

On account of so few things being shown to make the stamp worthy of deep study, I will omit the check-list. A very satisfactory one can be made up from the above, which covers all of the points of interest which have appeared in print.

I am in hopes that this article, and the one preceding it, may bring out some new facts which have been overlooked or omitted in the past, by students of the United States postal issues.

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By CHAS. E. JENNEY.

I have just made two finds of more than usual interest. The first one concerns collectors of entires only. This is a current 2c stamped envelopes, size 5, new knife, buff paper, watermarked 1907. I picked up two copies of this.

The other discovery affects cut square collectors as well, being an entirely new variety. When the Dayton dies were first described and numbered 1 to 13, Die 11 was a two cent wrapper. Later Bartels changed the numbering all around and this was given as No.13 and so appears in their stamped envelope catalogue. It always seemed to me that this was not a separate die and closer scrutiny in the light of my new discovery confirms my suspicion. The die is the same as original Die 7 (later Die 5). This has been the only Dayton die wrapper hitherto found. To-day I picked up a 2c wrapper that is Dayton Die 3 (original nnmber 5). This is the die with the extremely narrow front to bust. Thus at least two of the Dayton dies are being used on the wrapper. For the information of those who only follow Scott's catalogue, I would state that the above remarks apply to Scott's Die D, which as a matter of fact consists of 12 separate dies.

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NEWS GLEANINGS.

Under this heading we desire to publish all the news from the various philatelic centers. Correspondents' names will be given unless prohibited as we desire to give full credit for services rendered.

—We have received Vol. 1 No. 1 of *Philatelic Opinion*, edited by B. W. H. Poole, the publication of which has been heralded in the columns of the WEEKLY for the past few weeks. The contents of this number will commend the magazine to both specialist and beginner and the subscription price of 50c per year will bring it within the reach of any collector. The magazine is crowded with newsy matter and with Mr. Poole at the helm *Philatelic Opinion* is an assured success.

—"The writer was sometime ago elected secretary and treasurer of the Minnesota Philatelic Society which has now nearly thirty members and is growing rapidly. I wish that you would kindly insert a little item regarding this society in a copy of the WEEKLY at an early date, and state that the society is for the purpose of getting the Minnesota collectors better acquainted with each other and that I will be pleased to furnish any further information that will be desired." —IRA C. HOLT, 1733 Capital Av., St. Paul, Minn.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from Chas. Jarecki, C. M. Breder, Rev. Louis Voss (2), W. H. Hitchings, and T. C. Mann.

—A. N. Estes, the manager of the Republic Stamp Co., has recently been called to Nashville, Tenn., for several days. He desires us to state that he will be greatly obliged if correspondents will kindly bear with him in any delay that may result from his enforced absence.

—The J. M. Stuart Co. has disposed of the *Precancel Monthly* to *Everybody's Philatelist* and announces *Stuart's Semi-weekly Stamp News* to be published every Wednesday and Saturday.

—Frank E. Goodwin, the well known writer and dealer, has bought the Unique Stamp Club effects from the former manager, H. L. Lindquist, Chicago. Mr. Goodwin intends to push the Club during the coming few months. The Unique Stamp Club is for the co-operative buying, selling and exchange of stamps;there are no admission fees or dues—the sole requirement for membership being first-class references and activity in stamps. (advt.)

—Thos. S. Clark & Co. have issued a rather unique and handsomely printed circular price list, which we take pleasure in commending to our subscribers. This firm has just purchased the business of Clark & Robb and it will no doubt be pleased to send this list to anyone upon a post card request.

—October 16 there was organized at the home of Henry Schuhmacher Jr. at Roslindale, suburb of Boston, the Suburban Stamp and Curio Club, and the following officers have been elected: President, Henry Schuhmacher Jr; Secretary-Treasurer, E. C. Thompson, M. D.; Sales Manager, R. Williams. Meetings will be held at the homes of members on the first and third Thursday of each month. Mr. Williams has invited all those interested to attend at his home No. 16 Newburn St., Jamaica Plain on November 7th where will be found a congenial group of collectors who collect anything and everything such as coins, postage stamps, butter-flies, birds' eggs, books etc. Full particulars by applying to the president at the above address.

—Edward C. Scheffler, who through his activities in local philatelic circles in Chicago and his duties in connection with the silver anniversary convention of the American Philatelic Society held in that city last year attained a reputation that by no means was confined to his home city, died at his home on October 23rd at the age of twenty-six years, after an illness of several months. Mr.Scheffler enjoyed the esteem of his associates and at his funeral on the 26th of October eight members of the Chicago Philatelic Society who contributed an appropriate floral piece were in attendance. Mr. Scheffler had been honored with several positions of trust in the Chicago philatelic organizations and his death is deeply deplored by all his stamp friends.

COMING AUCTION SALES.

(For the benefit of our advertisers as well as subscribers we shall keep all sales posted and desire early receipt of catalogs that dates may be promptly entered.)

Nov. 8.—Bartels Co. auction in N. Y. City. U. S. and foreign, also same on covers.

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Nov. 18, 19, 20.—J. W. Scott Co. will sell at the Collectors Club in N. Y. City a fine collection belonging to C. J. Billwiller of N. Y. City. Many rarities.

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By L. Harald Kjellstedt.

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This caused me to write to the 3d Assistant Postmaster General about the matter from whom I received the following reply, dated Oct. 8, 1912:

"In reply to your letter of Sept. 26, you are advised that no record is found of any issue of stamp books marked 'Specimen' after the first delivery of such books."

If "Specimen" books with covers of later date than the original are found, it thus would seem that they are either of spurious nature or, if the overprinting is genuine, procured by unofficial use of the original handstamp.

MERCHANDISE FOR GREECE.

Office of Second Asst. P. M. Gen.,
Washington, Oct. 23, 1912.

The Postal Administration of Greece has advised this Department that the legislation of Greece prohibits the importation by mail under registration of any article of general merchandise having a salable value, whether in a closed or open cover, and that any article received in the mails from another country, whether registered or unregistered, which is subject to Grecian customs duty, will not be delivered, but will be returned to origin.

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AMERICA'S GREAT GOLD MEDAL STAMP EXHIBIT.

Before the Royal Philatelic Society.

The specialized study of the Brazil issue of stamps of 1894-1904, which was awarded the Great Gold Medal by the Jury of Awards at the recent Jubilee International Stamp Exhibition in London, will, by request, be displayed at a meeting of the Royal Philatelic Society, London, on the evening of Thursday, November 7th. His Majesty King George of England, is the Patron of this distinguished society, of which he was a member for many years, when Prince of Wales. His interest in the hobby of stamp collecting and in the progress of Philately is well known. Since the close of the Exhibition, an additional album has been dispatched from this side of the ocean to London, containing a study based on the examination of ten thousand dated copies of the 100 reis of 1894-1897, with particular relation to the time of use in Brazil of the many paper varieties.

This is gratifying news to all American collectors, coming, as it does, on top of the good word recently received as to the unexpected success of American Philatelists in securing awards at the London Exhibition. It promises well for the success of our own New York International Stamp Exhibition in October of next year.

NEW ORLEANS CLUB ORGANIZED.

(We have received from Rev. Louis Voss the following clipping from a local paper giving the particulars of the organization of the New Orleans Stamp Club, Friday evening, October 18. We give the clipping in full as it shows the work of a master hand in the preparation of press copy.—Ed.)

A preliminary meeting of a few ardent students of philately was held at the "Old Hickory" on Friday evening, and one more organization was added to the list of literary and social features of the City—the New Orleans Stamp Club. Among those in attendance were Messrs. Jac Meyer, C. E. Allgeyer, W. E. Smith, H. Fourment, the Rev. Louis Voss, Alexander Hay and E. Foster. In addition to the above "stamp fiends," quite a number of enthusiasts sent in their regrets at not being able to attend.

The meeting was called to order by Jac Meyer, who explained that the proposed organization was mooted to bring together a few of those whose hobby was the study and collection of stamps, for the discussion of philatelic problems and the comparing of collections, the exchange of duplicates and auctioning off of specimens among the prospective members, and the getting together of literary matter pertaining to the study. In other words the formation of a club where the members could meet at convenient intervals in a social way for mutual benefit and instruction.

The question of title was the first thing discussed, and on the suggestion of Rev. Mr. Voss, that of "the New Orleans Stamp Club" was adopted tentatively as being short and to the point. The further question of affiliation with the American Philatelic Society was left over for future consideration.

The following officers were asked to act pro tem; W. J. Morgan, president; H. Fourment, vice president, and E. Foster, secretary.

Mr. Meyer whose collection is reckoned one of the most valuable in the South, exhibited a fine line of early United States issues, which precipitated a discussion on varieties, their watermarks and perforations, while their relative variety came in for consideration and was discussed by Messrs. Allgeyer, Smith and Voss. Mr. Fourment gave a few remarks on French colonial stamps which proved that he had made a special study of this special branch.

The members adjourned to meet the succeeding Friday at the same place, when permanent organization will be gone into more thoroughly.

After adjournment the dry-as-dust discussion was turned into one touching on the poetic question of a "feast of reason and a flow of soul," only the "feast" may be said to have been paraphrased by a admirable collation served by Jac Meyer, of well-known catering abilities. A vote of thanks to Mr. Meyer for his kindness in furnishing apartments and also for the good things outside of his exhibition of the gems of his collection.

The feature of the next meeting will be the exhibition of an almost complete collection of French colonial postage stamps by Mr. Fourment.

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A Tribute—A heavy toll on philately has been exacted by the death of Henry J. Crocker of San Francisco; and the untimeliness of his taking away makes a particularly painful impression. How earnestly he was laboring for the success of the philatelic features of the San Francisco fair was known to many and through his efforts mainly, a substantial foundation for the prosecution of the work was established. Mr. Crocker was heart and soul in the promotion of the philatelic side of the Panama-Pacific fair and if we mistake not, he anticipated the year 1915 as a sort of culmination of his philatelic effort or the climax of a working and well-sustained philatelic career. Mr. Crocker was in the minds of many of us intimately and he never seemed to be too much occupied by his extensive business interests to heed all the diversified calls of philately. He was known throughout the philatelic world, as one of the greatest philatelists of the times and the fame of his Hawaiians has penetrated even to the outposts of the world of philately. Mr. Crocker intensely was a Californian; he gloried in his state and was proud of his San Francisco. He was as loyal to his west as to his stamps and we know to what a degree his faith and his works could be carried.

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A Few Details—It need not be repeated that Mr. Crocker's Hawaiian collection was famous the world over; only in the last year it was awarded gold medals at Sydney, New South Wales and Vienna, Austria. The Hawaiian collection has been shown in different of the stamp centers in the past, under the charge of a competent custodian. Likewise, his Japanese collection, probably the most valuable one of its kind ever assembled and which was destroyed in the San Francisco fire was sent by Mr. Crocker for exhibition at several of the local societies. In fact, Mr. Crocker's confidence in his fellow collectors bordered on the marvellous and the editor cannot forget how insistent Mr. Crocker was to place his Hawaiian collection in the hands of two philatelic friends, if such they could be called in the face of the fact that Mr. Crocker had never seen them before, for leisurely examination, while he attended to other matters in Chicago. Mr. Crocker when the editor met him last still retained many rarities in single stamps that made a bewilderingly rich display. Mr. Crocker's book on the Hawaiian numerals was a labor of love in the creation of which he took an admitted pride. It is sad that this descendant of Charles Crocker, one of the Southern Pacific Railroad builders, was not spared for many more years; Mr. Crocker was born in 1860, at Sacramento, we are told.

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Keep An Eye Open—What has become of the old-fashioned collector who kept a record of the number of stamps on his album's pages? Has he folded his tent and silently vamoosed in company with the o. f. c. who pasted a treasured newspaper clipping about the astounding collection of the "Count Ferrari, son of the Duchess of Galleria" in his stamp book? Then, where is the old-fashioned dealer who keeps all the cut round envelope stamps in the conviction that some day there will be a demand for them? Is he basking in the smiles of the o. f. d. who sells the perforated hinges of execrated memory?

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Discoveries—Sinpod, the stamp sage, says: "Add to the philatelic wonders of the world: A philatelic editor that has a stamp collection: A collector who never has dreamed of making a find: A first number of a stamp paper not containing the article 'How to Collect': A collector who is satisfied with the catalogue."

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Now, Now—Our political department. A peppery correspondent writes: "Why do you ignore Wilson? Don't you know that Hugh C. Barr, editor of *La Hacienda*, is a Princeton graduate? He is a sample of the excellent philatelic material turned out at Old Nassau. Rah, Rah, Rah, Tiger!" Nurse, see the aurora borealis.

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So He Thinks—Just before Bunn, the Baker of Baraboo, was relegated to the cannery by B. L. T. in his column in the Chicago *Tribune*, the following beautiful lines appeared:

"Bunn the Baker doth remind us
We, too, may be shining lamps,
And departing leave behind us
Other heads for postage stamps."

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It Must Be—In reference to the impression, "Porto-Controll-System, Fa. Custos, Duisburg," with "5" in center, that was mentioned as appearing on a German cover, in addition to the stamp with the regular postmark, Mr. J. Saulnier, Fordham, New York City, writes: "The stamp means that the Imperial Post makes a statistical count and the value '5' is the same as on the affixed stamp. The reading is: 'Porto-Controll-System-Fa. Custos (name of officer) Duisburg (Place where the controlling office is located)'."

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Sorry Now—A man in Illinois has been arrested on the charge of having pieced together the unobliterated parts of used postage stamps and of having employed the apparently complete uncanceled stamps for postage. Philatelists know that it would not always be an easy task to match parts of two different stamps of the same denomination but probably the eye of the outsider is not trained so nicely in color discrimination as that of the philatelist. Some years ago, the postal authorities circumvented those who were suspected with good reason of snipping off the obliterated parts of stamps when the ink was near the edge by interdicting the use of stamps with any material parts missing.

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Truth at the Bottom—The news of the great find at Philadelphia comes in from different sources but one may not make a definite statement until particulars are fully authenticated. At least it is certain that a great uncovering of the stamps of the early issues including a host of 5 and 10-cent, 1847 and St. Louis provisionals has been uncovered. One of our informants says that the find was of the correspondence addressed to Hon. Cave Johnson and if such is the case, several missing links will have to be supplied to account for the discovery of the philatelic treasure. Mr. Johnson was a distinguished Tennessee statesman who was appointed postmaster-general on March 5th, 1845 and served until March 4th, 1849, when Zachary Taylor succeeded to the presidency.

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Louder, Please—Says a writer in the *Hobbyist* of Winnipeg: "Another U. S. commemorative is talked of for 1913—to mark the 100th anniversary of a minor naval victory." O, very well—but really was it not only some sort of regatta in which a boat or two was wind-tossed? Commodore Perry has not had to wait a hundred years for grateful recognition on our postage stamps; *vide* our first and subsequent ninety cent stamps. It must be admitted that as such occasions go, the Perry centennial next year affords about as good an excuse for stamp commemoration as any historical event could and from the popular viewpoint, an issue of the kind would be very acceptable, it is safe to say.

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Probably most young dealers start gradually by selling or trading their own duplicates. This is the best start because a natural one and after being thus started, one gets into the swing of the business in a small way without running risks or making any costly mistakes. One's stock of duplicates, however, unless it is an unusually large one, will not last very long and the next step is to buy outside and so secure additional supplies of stock. A later chapter will be devoted particularly to buying, so we will pass over methods of purchasing for the present.

It may be noted here, however, that a great many collectors who become dealers make the mistake of selling their own collections. While it is difficult for a dealer to keep up a personal collection as well as to engage daily in buying and selling stamps, yet some of the most successful large dealers of the past have had private collections of their own which they have prized very highly and in the formation of which they gained considerable valuable philatelic knowledge. The dealer who gives up collecting too soon misses a large philatelic education which would otherwise be extremely valuable to him in his business. Of course, there are two sides to this question and the temptation to fill a customer's order by taking specimens out of the private collection is always present, but the dealer who resists this temptation and continues to build up his private collection as his stamp business increases will find that he accumulates not only very valuable reference material but also a substantial financial nestegg which may prove a matter for congratulation in future years.

The first question which the young collector must meet is that of caring properly for his stock. In the old days stamps were kept almost wholly in envelopes of various sizes arranged in boxes and drawers. Nowadays the stock book with paper pockets has largely displaced the old envelopes with most dealers. These stock books are usually made of manila paper with narrow strips pasted across the pages horizontally so as to form pockets into which the stamps are slipped. The upper part of the stamps projects from the pockets so that any desired variety may be quickly found. The stamps should, of course, be arranged alphabetically by countries and follow the standard catalogue. Most stock books have removable binders so that new leaves can be inserted at any place, so the young dealer needs only to arrange the stock that he actually has on hand, allowing a reasonable amount of space for additions. Then, as his stock grows, he can buy more stock books and interleave new pages to take up the growth.

Another kind of stock book is made with transparent paper pockets so that the whole of each stamp may be readily seen. This kind of stock-book does not hold the stamps so tightly as do the manila pockets and if stamps are crowded they are likely to slide around more or less. These books with transparent pockets are, however, extremely desirable for rare stamps, or for stock where it is not desired to crowd the stamps as they allow the whole of each stamp to be seen and the copies kept in them thus require less handling.

A variation of the stock book idea is in the approval cards which are simply cards made with pockets and used as the name indicates to send out stamps "on approval." They are also handy in keeping and arranging stamps in one's own stock. Loose leaves from old stock books are also convenient for the same operation and it is not a bad idea to buy one or two old stock books, if opportunity offers to secure them cheap, in order to make this use of the leaves.

Envelopes for keeping the bulkier lots of stamps cannot be wholly discarded, nor in fact, should they be. It is foolish to stuff out stock books with large quantities of common stamps as one so frequently sees, even in the safes of experienced dealers. The surplus of any common stamp or, in fact, of any stamp over what business requires should be removed to an envelope, the outside marked with the country, catalogue number, date and a brief description, and filed in a box or drawer.

Order is said to be Heaven's first law and it should also be the first law of the stamp dealer, but in too many instances it is a law which seems to be enforced only in the dull season when there is little else to do and the dealer has time to arrange his stock. Many a stamp man wastes as much time in a month in trying to pick out "Want Lists" from an accumulation of odds and ends in the rush season as would enable him to put his entire stock in order if his work was done systematically.

There is such a thing, however, as overdoing the matter of system. There are some stamps which are seldom if ever sold singly and to sort these all out and put them in envelopes properly classified is a waste of time for a small dealer. The mixtures sold at 25c a thousand are excellent for the beginner to buy as mixtures and pick out stamps for his collection, but the common continentals which make them up are not worth sorting out into envelopes and simply take up room in the new dealer's books. Such material had better be left in mixtures and sold in mixed packets and the time devoted to more profitable work.

If you intend to do a local business you should have "counter sales books." The best sales book is a standard printed stamp album using as high grade a one as you can afford for the use your business is likely to require, although a cheap album will do at the start. If you buy a collection, it is a very good idea to price the stamps and use this as a sales-book, refilling the pages from your stock as fast as the stamps are sold.

If you cater to the boy trade as you probably will, it is well to have a separate book of one cent stamps and another of two cent stamps mounting several copies of a kind if you have them. This saves the wear of the specimens as well as the book and it is just the thing for your young customers who only buy cheap stamps. All of your sales-books should be marked by catalogue if you intend to give a straight discount or at net prices if you intend to sell that way. Some dealers have two sets of sales-books, one for the stamps that can be sold at 50% discount and another for the higher grade stamps on which the discount from catalogue varies, so that each specimen has to be marked at a net figure. If you give a straight discount from catalogue, you will be, of course, above the reprehensible trick of marking your stamps up above the catalogue figures. This trick will deceive your customers only a short time and is absolutely contrary to an axiom which absolutely holds and which is, that honesty is not only the best policy, but the *only* policy to be pursued if you wish to succeed in the stamp business.

(*To be continued.*)

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MEKEEL'S WEEKLY STAMP NEWS

Will Be Issued Saturday, November 30, 1912

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C. H. Nammack writes as follows:—"I deem it but proper that I should write you that my advs. during the past year have brought a large number of replies and many excellent customers. Moreover, these customers have been responsible to the utmost degree and it is a pleasure to transact business with the readers of your paper."

H. N. Haas, user of Trade space, writes:—"Your paper is the paper to bring results. Its the best medium I ever used."

H. Leonard, Jacksonville, Fla., writes us:—"Although you hid my Barbados advertisement away down on the sixth page of the Sept. 14 issue, I have already received more orders than I can fill From my St. Lucia advertisement I received twenty-one orders. The WEEKLY looks good."

We quote from a letter from Sooner Stamp Co.:

"Enclosed find copy for our advertisement in MEKEEL'S WEEKLY We shall use space weekly until further notice. Our experience last season with several periodicals convinced us that MEKEEL'S is the best."

In the same mail we received the following from the manager of Herbert H. A. Fox & Co., Oswego, N. Y.:—"We received replies from our first advertisement even before our copy of the WEEKLY had reached our office."

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This column is for the use of our patrons who desire only a few lines of space. If you want to buy, sell or exchange, it is without doubt the best advertising medium in the world.

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We want to buy a stamp collection for cash. J. L. Wolff, 717 Maryland Ave., Milwaukee, Wis. [tf*

Do You Use Wolsieffer's Approval Cards? [tf

U. S. 3c, 1857, with outer line, on cover, rare thus, 15c. Non-duplicating approvals. Lists free. Crowell Stamp Co., Cleveland, Ohio. [tf*

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I am not offering you a present to get you hitched on and then mark my stamps over cat. to help pay for advertising. I am offering you a chance to buy good stamps marked at the right price and that price somewhere near your pocket book. Will you ever get wise? Look up my former ads. F. P. BUTMAN, Wakefield, Mass.*

Free, 1c Cabot unused, Newfoundland, send good ref. for approvals 63⅓-75%. PROVIDENCE STAMP CO., Providence, R. I. *

Fiji, Edward ½d green, each	.02
" " 1d carmine "	.02

Post.ex.Fordham StampExch., Fordham, N.Y.[tf*

Precancells, 60 var. 10c; 100 var. 20c; 200 var. $1.00. M. & M., 8 var. 10c. ROBT. WEBER, Galeton, Pa. [tf*

3 South American stamps, to applicants for our approvals. WOLVERINE STAMP CO., 545 Fountain St., Grand Rapids, Mich.

Those "Hard-to-get" Stamps on approval. Reliable reference requisite. Want-lists solicited. "Tell Me Your Troubles." BURT McCANN, 321 No. Newton, Minneapolis, Minn.

Try my apps. C. E. Crandall, R. D. No.2, Belmont, N. Y.

30 var. packet of U. S. Cat. 75c, for 15c. Post Free. M. Hirshman, 24 Forsyth St., N. Y. City.

200 stamps free to applicants 60% app. sheets. H. C. WHITEMAN, 201 N. 2nd St., Clearfield, Pa.

Secrets of Health (book) 25c. 100 foreign 10c. SHAMOKIN STAMP CO., Shamokin, Pa. *

*War Dept. Set o. g., $2.00; used,	$1.50
*Post Office Set o. g., $4.00; used,	$3.25
*Executive Set, surcharged "Specimen"	$3.75
1872, 24c purple, 90c; 24c Treasury used,	$1.25
10c Proprietary, black & gr, green paper, fine,	.75
1862, 2c Jackson, 08; 1869, 2c Horseman,	.10
*Hussey's No. 2588 rose, o. g., cat. 25c, .08; prs.	.15

Southern Stamp Co., P. O. Box 644, Norfolk, Va.*

Interesting Curio — for history students, teachers, and collectors. Genuine "Wild Cat. Currency" or broken bank bills, issued 1854. 1 for 10 cts.; 3 for 25 cts.; 15 for $1.00. ROBERT S. CARPENTER, 3223 Fulton Street, Chicago, Illinois.

"Good value is good business" hence 1500 mixed foreign, 15c; or 1000 Japan, 25c post-paid. Approvals at 66⅔% discount. ROBT. MILLARD CO., 325 W. Ferry Ave., Detroit, Mich. [tf*

100 different 10c. My 50% approvals are 100% quality. Howard E. Jackson, Edgewater, N. J.

300 var. Foreign stamps	.20
13 " Austria 1900	.03
15 " Bulgaria	.10

Approvals 66⅔%. Reference required. H. T. BELDEN, 129 Thompson St., Springfield, Mass.

Most unique philatelic conceit ever gotten up. A large pure silk handkerchief with striking border of postmarks and postage stamps in colors. Lifelike and natural. Ask Mr. Wylie. Price 85 cents. HARRY CADEN, Klamath Falls, Oregon. [41

*Fiji 2½p '91	Cat. .25	.11
*Venezuela 1b, No. 153	Cat. .30	.14

Sel. on app. at 50% and net. Ref. NEWARK (N. J.) STAMP CO., 330 Johnson Ave. [tf*

Balkan States, Greece, Montenegro, Servia, and Turkey. 50 stamps all diff. in fine condition for only 25c. L. LAZOS, Box 878, Denver, Colo. A. P. S. No. 3759. [tf*

Wanted for Cash: Used block of 5c 1847 U. S. also single copies, pairs, strips etc. on or off cover. Also want good Newfoundland.
R. STILES,
779 Albany St., Schenectady, N. Y

Ready made app. sheets at ¼ cat., sample 20c. Job lots at 1-5th cat. PAYN STAMP CO., 138 No. Wellington St., Los Angeles, Cal. [tf*

Special Bargain, 25 all diff. Canada postage 10c post free. This being my first ad this season purchasers of the above packet will receive unused Canadian stamp Free. H. F. BRUNTON, 199 Centre, St. Ottawa, Can. [tf*

100 mixed Cent. and So. American, used, about 50 var., 20c. D. L. CURRAN, 66 Thorp St., Binghamton, N. Y. [tf*

Wolsieffer's Large Approval Selections by countries at net prices are sure to suit better grade collectors. Leaflet about them free. P. M. WOLSIEFFER, Ft. Dearborn Bldg., Chicago [tf

This is the cheapest stamp advertising in the world, 20c per line. Try it.

Over 200 diff. U. S., including 50c & $1.00 issues, for $1.00. I. X. L. Stamp Co., Pleasantville, N. J. [tf*

Stamps cat. to 10c each on app. at 1c each. Ref. F. R. HOLLOWAY, 170 Park Pl., Akron, O. [tf*

Want to buy U. S. precancels. Send on approval to Dr. W. I. MITCHELL, 603 Beacon Bldg., Wichita, Kansas. [50*

Free—Packet of fine stamps to applicants for our approval sheets. 60% dis. PROSPECT STAMP CO., 973 Whitlock Ave., N. Y. City. [tf*

If you ever come to Boston drop in our office and see two collections we offer at "half cat." Just the thing for you to fill up those spaces with. One of 7500 var., one of 10,000. 1c to $1.00 each. B. L. DREW & CO., 7 Water St., Room 403, Boston, Mass. [tf*

Exchange or Sell. Warner Bates, Ilion, N.Y.[40

Buy guaranteed postage stamps only. Send business reference for low cost approvals. You will want more. Premiums given. Investigate. W. F. SLUSSER, Fisher's Id. P. O., N. Y. Est. 1898. [tf*

Uruguay. Will give fine Uruguay stamps in exchange for other countries, common refused. Dr. L. A. Micheloni, 349 E. 17 St., N. Y. City.[40*

For Sale. Finely mounted Buffalo, Moose and Deer Heads, photo on application. 123 No. Main St., Oconomowoc, Wis. [tf*

Portugal and Colonies Stamps on appr. 50 to 70% off. Sets of 1912 Manuel Rep. Angola 2½r to 25r, 15c. Cape Verde, Mozambique and St. Thorne 2½r to 100r, 45c each set. Postage extra. A. R. ANDRE, 98 N. 2nd St., New Bedford, Mass. [tf*

If you have A1 references, I have what you want on approval, by countries. U. S. 25 & 35%. Forn. 60%. No boy trade. [tf*
H. F. KOHR, 816 E. 41st St., K. C., Mo.

18c buys 25 diff. foreign cat. 55c. Sheets at 50% dis. Ref. please. SUNSET STAMP CO., San Antonio, Tex. [tf*

Our 1 cent approvals have never been equaled. Try them. WATERVLIET STAMP CO. Watervliet, Michigan. [tf*

100 Br. Africa 18c. Wholesale list free. PROVIDENCE STAMP CO., Prov., R. I. *

Stamps at a cent. General collectors with less than 3500 var. better send for my sample book, the "Yellow Fellow." Some good things here. CHAS. A. TOWNSEND, 412 Park St., Akron, O.*

Block of 4, 2c Lincoln imperf., mint	.20
" of 4, 2c Alaska-Yukon imperf., mint	.16
" of 4, 2c Hudson-Fulton " "	.20

C. E. Nickles, 122 Florida Av., Wash., D. C.[tf*

Something good for you in my past advts. better look them up. My 60% Approvals are the stuff. Must have Refs. F. H. EWALD, Riverhead, L. Id., N. Y. *

Have you anything to buy, sell or exchange? This column only 20c per line.

Wanted: 50 more clients for the Trenton Phil. Society Circuits: Costs nothing, Books unexcelled. You do not have to be a member to receive books. Membership only, entitles you to place books therein. Send two good refs, bank or com. with name and address to Sales Mgr. M.H. POTTS, 122 No. Overbrook Ave., Trenton, N.J.*

Sixteen original covers from sixteen different countries, each franked by one or more stamps, for 50c postpaid. Every packet different and supply limited. A. W. DUNNING, Newton, Mass. *

Send some stamps to get exchanged. Receive same number and value. Honest treatment guaranteed. Fred Dahlberg, Sifton, Wash.

Liechtenstein 1912, comp., 5, 10, 25h, used, 15c. E. WILLE, 85 San Luis Ave., St. L., San Francisco, Cal.

Panes of 6 from booklets; 2c Shield, 25c; 2c Flag $1.00. H. T. WILLCOX, Jewett City, Conn.[tf*

Approvals at 50%. Package 1000 hinges free to purchasers of $1 gross. TRI-MOUNT STAMP CO., 76 W. Rutland Sq., Boston, Mass. *

1000 Mixed Foreign 15c. Appr. at 85%. NEWPORT CO., 308 Linden Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.

Folding Camera, 4x5 plate, to exchange for stamps cataloging $10, my selection, send sheets. C. H. SMITH, Brushton, N. Y.

19 Var. Portuguese Cols. including Republic Surg. 20c. Illustrated Album 500 spaces, 100 Var., 250 hinges, 5c. A. M. WRIGHT, 37 Norton St., Dorchester, Mass. *

CHRONICLE OF NEW ISSUES AND VARIETIES

Edited by Henry A. Kidder.

Any information regarding new issues will be gratefully received and acknowledged. Address HENRY A. KIDDER, 17 Addison St., Arlington, Mass. Letters calling for a reply should contain a self-addressed, stamped envelope. We cannot give applicants the addresses of our correspondents. Correspondence regarding precancelled stamps must be sent to FRANK B. ELDREDGE, Attleboro, Mass., when due credit will be given in this department.

United States.—The present is a very important time, says the *Philatelic Gazette*, both for collectors of cut square and entire envelopes, to keep up with the new issues. Certainly it needs not the gift of prophecy to predict that among the new envelopes there will be a certain number that are sure to be scarce. We need only recall the fact that there are five dies of the 2c carmine in use, of which Die A is the most common. Dies A2 and C are also extensively used, while the latest die, called Die E, but not yet listed by Scott, is gradually appearing. So far, Die E has been found, however, only on sizes 5 and 13. Die D, formerly called erroneously the "Dayton" die, easily distinguished by the wide, round "S"s in "Sates," has only been seen on the wrapper. Die B, 2c carmine, was entirely discontinued not later than November, 1907. The open end envelopes have likewise been discontinued.

Next we have the three new watermarks used by the paper concerns which supply the contractors. The watermark used by the Aetna Mills has a dash between the two S's to distinguish their paper from the stock manufactured by the American Writing Paper Co. This latter watermark has the letter "E" with the second horizontal stroke nearer the top stroke, while in the Aetna watermark, the second horizontal stroke is placed in the centre of the down stroke. There are also differences in the size and shape of the "S," the American paper having large extended letters, while the Aetna paper has the letters contracted. The paper used by the Aetna Mills,—thus far only white, blue and amber papers have been seen,—is heavier and grayish. Again, the new issue has introduced a new shape of knife for sizes 5, 11 and 13.

The *Philatelic Gazette* reports having seen the four approval designs for the Panama Exposition stamps. The 2c stamp has been somewhat changed since the first drawings were submitted. It was difficult to get a satisfactory picture of the Gatun Locks, so Director Ralph finally made a trip over to the War Department to inspect the model there on exhibition. Arrangements were at once made to have the water turned on. Models of merchant vessels were placed in each lock and then a photograph was taken. This has given a very satisfactory view, and it will take the place of those sent up from Panama. The principal distinction is the long dam which divides the two locks. This did not show at all in the first design. The 2c drawing received the approval of the Postmaster General on August 27, while the 10c was approved August 22. The latter depicts the discovery of San Francisco Bay. It shows a large party arriving on the coast, with some of the figures in the picture reclining on the hillside. The *Sunset Monthly* supplied the Bureau with a splendid photograph of this painting by Matthews, which is said to be somewhere in San Francisco. The same picture was recently published by that magazine. All efforts to find a portrait of Cabrillo proved futile, otherwise his effigy would have adorned the 10c value. The size of the stamps will be the same as the Jamestown and Alaska-Yukon issues. The frames will be the same in all four values, showing at one side a palm leaf and at the other an olive branch. The series is expected to be ready for distribution to the various postoffices beginning January 1, 1913. The denominations and quantities are as follows: 1c, 80,000,000; 2c, 150,000,000; 5c, 8,000,000; 10c, 5,000,000.

6600 stamp collectors read this paper. They will read your adv. as you read this.

100 diff. Br. Colonies 50c; 100 unused stamps, 60c; 100 " Fr. Colonies, $1.25; 100 So.& Cent.Am., 65c. Our 50% Approvals are the best ever. Write for big Bargain list. Reference Required. SILAS WEATHERBY & CO., Box 13, Elyria, Ohio.[tf*

Desirable stamps sent on app. at 60% disc. WM. BASKERVILLE, 390 Maria Av., St. Paul, Minn. [tf*

*Mexico 1874, 5, 10, 25, 100 centavos, Cat. 62c, 15c.
L. H. WARDWELL, Stoneham, Mass.*

Try my app. at 66⅔%. Ref.
W. R. SOUTHWORTH, Cooperstown, N. Y.[43

*Belgium Nos. 56-58, cat. 19c, for	.05
Bolivia Nos. 40-46, cat. 33c, for	.06
Canada Nos. 126-128, cat. 9c, for	.05
*China Nos. 96-98, cat 25c, for	.12
*Antioquia Nos. 117 127, cat. $2.81, for	.35

Postage extra. Try my net apps. Must have reference. H. N. HAAS, Lehighton, Pa. [tf*

My Seychelles Price List
is the very best of its kind in existence. Every stamp issued listed and priced. IT'S FREE! Look up your single CA's and send us your want list. All unused.
CHAS. S. OSGOOD, SALEM, MASS.

E. T. PARKER, Bethlehem, Pa., Offers:

1	China 1878, 1c green	.75
* 3	5c yellow	.32
28	1897, 10c on 9c gray green	.63
30	30c on 40c carmine	.76
38	5c on 5c yellow orange	.41
39	8c on 6c red brown	.77
41	10c on 12c orange	.41
42	30c on 24c carmine	.64
49	$1 on 3c red	.68
21	Shanghai 1ca blue	1.67
35	4cts lilac	1.31
36	8c gray blue	.99
37	16c yellow green	2.41
61	1875, 1c yellow	1.02
* 64	3c rose	2.41
77	40c rose	.31
* 81	20c violet	1.19
*109	20c on 40c brown	.87
*113	20c on 80c green	1.19
*114	20c on 100c blue	1.61

TEN THOUSAND BARGAINS
offered in Carter's Messenger, 265 Halsey St., Brooklyn, N. Y., U. S. A.

The following new precancelled stamps have been reported since previous list by S. M. Schoemann and F. B. Eldredge:

St. Louis, Mo., 3c 1911, inverted, type II.
Waterloo, Ia., 3c 1908, reading down, type II.
Battle Creek, Mich., 5c 1908, normal, type II.
Anamosa, Iowa, 1c 1912, normal, type I.
Morton, Ill., 1c 1912, normal, type I.
Cleveland, O., 2c 1912, inverted, type IV.
New York, N. Y., 2c 1912, normal, type IV.
Meridan, Conn., 1c 1912, normal, type I.
Brockton, Mass. (Campello Station), 1c 1912, normal, type I.
Brockton, Mass. (Campello Station), 1c 1912, Inverted, type I.
Brockton, Mass. (Campello Station), 1c 1912, normal, double, type I.
Amherst, Mass., 1c, 2c, 8c, 10c, 15c 1912, and 10c registry, normal, type I.
Covington, Ky., 1c 1912, normal, type IV.
St. Louis, Mo., 1c 1912, normal, Mail-O-Meter No. 3, type II.
Binghampton, N. Y., 2c 1912, normal, type II.
Ashland, Ohio, 2c 1912, normal, type V.
Cleveland, Ohio, 3c 1912, inverted, type IV.
Elgin, Ill., 2c 1912. normal, type II.
Philadelphia, Pa., 1c 1912, normal, type II.
Binghampton, N. Y., 1c 1908-10, normal, double, dated 12-11, type I.
Binghampton, N. Y., 1c 1908-10, normal, dated 1-12, type I.
Binghampton, N. Y., 5c 1908-10, normal, dated 1-12, type I.
Binghampton, N. Y., 1c 1908-09, normal, type II.
Binghampton, N. Y., 1 & 5c 1908-10, normal, dated 3-12, type I.
Binghampton, N. Y., 1 & 5c 1908-10, normal, dated 4-12, type I.

Elmer Toepelman reports the 1c 1898, issued with date 6-1, spaced 11½ mm. double.

Angola.—*Maury's Collectionneur* states that the following quantities were printed of the provisionals recently chronicled: 2½r on 15r, 15,400; 5r on 15r, 25,200; 10r on 15r, 25,200; 25r on 75r, 60,200. There were two types surcharged of the last value, but only a small number of the 75r of 1902 were thus overprinted.

Bahamas.—We have received from W. H. Peckitt, the full set of the new King George stamps as recently chronicled, including the 1d value, which was issued after the remainder of the set.

W. H. PECKITT, 47 Strand, LONDON, W. C.
CABLES "PECKITT LONDON"

Dealer in Rare Stamps
AND
"New Issues at 10% Over Face"

I beg to announce the purchase of the very important

Collection of CAYMAN ISLANDS

formed by **Leon Adutt, Esq., President of the Thanet Philatelic Society &c, &c.,**

Such interest has always been taken in this popular little country that I am very pleased to have been able to acquire the Collection which is well known as being the finest that has ever been got together.

A study of the stamps of this Island will well repay the Collector, indeed it is very surprising how very small most of the numbers are, especially in the case of the Provisionals. Of these there are so few that it must be apparent to the most casual observer that there is nothing like a sufficiency for the Collecting world, even for the specialist in West Indies, let alone the general Collector, and looking to this fact it is obvious that there must be a very large increase in value in the future.

This therefore is the last opportunity that most Collectors will have of completing their wants at reasonable figures.

It is impossible within the limits of an advertisement to mention more than a few items in this magnificent Collection. Among the Provisionals however the following are particularly noticeable:

½d on 5sh double pane of 120 stamps showing error unsurcharged stamp with normal.
½d on 5sh double surcharge.
½d on 5sh inverted surcharge.
½d on 5sh strip of three, middle stamp without surcharge.
Etc.

1d on 5sh double pane of 120 stamps
1d on 5sh double surcharge.
1d on 5sh double surcharge used.
Etc.

2½d on 4d, block of 12 stamps.
2½d on 4d inverted.
Etc.
1d on 4d inverted.
1d on 4d inverted, used.
Etc.

BERMUDA.—Mr. Schachne has shown us a new card with the "Dry Dock" stamp. The headlines, excepting the third, are like the former 1d, but changed in length. The third now has "Post Card" at left of arms and "Carte Postale" at right.

Post Card.

1d red on pale buff.

BOSNIA.—Beyond the item printed in No. 1131, we had no advance information regarding the new set for Bosnia which has just been sent us by W. T. Wilson. Though the last foreign mail brings papers containing advertisements offering the new stamps, no formal chronicle is yet at hand. The stamps are large, square in shape, and in design resemble very much the 5k value of the 1906 set. There are three main designs, the krone values being larger than the heller stamps. The latter are 22x24 mm. and the krone values 26x24 mm. Two recent portraits of the Emperor Francis Joseph appear, the 1h to 30h inclusive and the 1k and 2k values showing the Emperor nearly full face, though turned slightly to the left, while the higher heller values from 35h to 72h and the 3k and 5k show a profile view looking to the left. Both portraits are very finely engraved and beautifully printed, the workmanship being of the same high character as has distinguished recent issues of Bosnia. The inscriptions read "K. U. K. Militar—Post" at the top and "Bosnien—Hercegovina" at the bottom. The different spelling of the last word in the double name of the country is noticeable, as the 1906 set had the older spelling "Herzegowina." The set is also notable on account of including the 3k value for the first time in the postal history of the country. The only differences in the various values is the changed ornaments in the side panels, the same scheme being carried out as in the 1906 set, though with different ornaments. The figures of value are placed near the bottom corners in small colorless squares for the hellers and in larger colored oblong spaces for the krone values, the latter having "K" after the figures, while the former have the figures alone. The set is a very handsome one, though lacking in the picturesque quality which distinguished the former issue. The stamps are perforated 12½ like the Jubilee issue of 1910. The new issue was placed on sale in Bosnia, October 4.

Adhesives.

1h olive bistre.
2h pale blue.
3h red violet.
5h yellow green.
6h black.
10h carmine.
12h olive green.
20h brown.
25h ultramarine.
30h orange red.
35h myrtle green.
40h purple.
45h black brown.
50h slate blue.
60h violet brown.
72h dark blue.
1k chocolate.
2k indigo on blue.
3k lake on green.
5k dark violet on lavender.

CHINA.—Homer H. Wong, Chief of the Postal Department of the Ministry of Communications, has received instructions to issue three series of stamps for general use. Two will be commemorative issues, limited in number, and one will be the ordinary issue for future use. One set, bearing the effigy of Dr. Sun Yat Sen, is to commemorate the great struggle for freedom which yielded the revolutionary Government at Nanking, and the other set will be in commemoration of the effective foundation of the Republic under the President whose powerful face will appear on the stamps. The national device has been selected for the set for ordinary use.

CYPRUS.—*Ewen's Weekly* reports having seen a ½pi wrapper, with portrait of King George.

Wrapper.

½pi green.

Maury's Collectionneur chronicles a registration envelope for this Colony, with portrait of King George in relief.

Registration Envelope.

2pi blue.

EAST AFRICA AND UGANDA.—*Maury's Collectionneur* reports a new envelope with embossed portrait of King George.

Envelope.

6c carmine.

GAMBIA.—*Ewen's Weekly* reports the following stationery, with portrait of King George, supplementing the set of postage stamps chronicled in No. 1138.

Envelope.

1d carmine.

Registration Envelope.

2d blue.

Post Cards.

1d carmine.
1dx1d carmine; reply card.

W. H. Peckitt has shown us the full set of King George stamps from this Colony, as chronicled in No. 1138.

GERMAN EAST AFRICA.—Mr. Schachne shows us the double card of same design as the German card noted above except the stamp.

Post Card.

4x4h green on buff; watermark 9.II.

GERMANY.—Mr. Schachne has the divided face 10pf card which has precisely the same design as the 5pf which has been current for two years.

Post Card.

10pf carmine on buff; watermark III.

GERMAN LEVANT.—Mr. Schachne reports a new card for the Levant with the current overprints, all of which have the diamond watermark.

Post Cards.

20 para on 10pf carmine on buff; watermark 1 I.
10 centimes on 10pf carmine on buff; watermark 9 II.

GIBRALTAR.—*Ewen's Weekly* supplements the postage set recently chronicled, with the following stationery.

Wrapper.

1d rose.

Post Cards.

½d green.
1d carmine.
½dx½d green.
1dx1d rose.

This Colony also has a new registration envelope, with embossed portrait of King George.

Registration Envelope.

2d red.

GILBERT AND ELLICE ISLANDS.—W. H. Peckitt has shown us the ½d value of the new King George set.

Adhesive.

½d green.

FIJI ISLANDS.—According to *Ewen's Weekly,* an envelope has been issued for this Colony, with portrait of King George.

Envelope.

1d carmine.

INDIA.—*The Philatelic Journal of India* says that the dies for the Georgian stamps of India are being recut. The Government of India has objected to the head die, as it throws a queer high light on His Majesty's countenance, especially about the nose and mouth. The new head die will remedy this defect, and also improve the appearance of the elephant in the chain around the King's neck. To prevent a scarcity in stamps of any particular denomination, the supplies already under order are being struck off from the existing plates. But there is to be one important exception. It is thought that the present 2½a Georgian stamp is a poor looking affair and it has been decided to introduce the new 2½a label at once.

Sir Charles Stewart Wilson, Director-General of Posts and Telegraphs, states that a certain number of the higher values of the last issue of the long telegraph stamps, Edwardian type, were overprinted "On H. M. S.", the intention being to use them on official or service telegrams, but it is doubtful if any were actually used as the stock was burnt.

The *London Philatelist* chronicles two new values in the Georgian postage set, 4a and 25r, the latter being bicolored. Both have been overprinted "Service" for official use.

Adhesive.

4a olive green.
25r blue and brown orange.

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4a olive green.
25r blue and brown orange.

Maury's Collectionneur chronicles two new values in the King George set.

Adhesives.

8a violet.
12a lilac.

JAPAN.—Mr. Schachne shows us a letter sheet which is really a letter card with three times the space for correspondence. The size folded is 145x82 mm., unfolded 327 mm., not including the flap which adds 20 mm. more. There are flaps at each side 10 mm. wide on the upper quarter, all three gummed.

The only imprint is a round stamp at upper left and a single, separated, horizontal line at bottom with five characters in each part. The stamp has "3 SEN 3" in lower part and other Japanese inscriptions above and at sides. The card is upright rectangular.

Letter Sheet.

3s red on white.

MAURITIUS.—*Ewen's Weekly* reports a new envelope, with the portrait of King George in relief.

Envelope.

6c carmine.

NICARAGUA.—A new value has been added to the current Bluefields set, with locomotive.

Adhesive.

6c lilac brown.

ST. LUCIA.—According to *Ewen's Weekly,* a new wrapper has been issued for this Colony.

Wrapper.

½d green.

W. H. Peckitt has shown us the various values of the King George set for this Colony. The ½d, 1d and 2½d are on plain paper and the 3d, 6d, 1sh, 5sh and 20sh values are on chalky paper.

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THE BEGINNERS' GUIDE.

MISCELLANEOUS EXPLANATIONS.

A *sheet* of stamps is the term applied to a piece of paper on which an impression has been printed from a stamp plate and which has been gummed and perforated ready for sale to the public. There are really two sorts of sheets—"printer's" sheets and "post-office" sheets—which often differ very materially in size. Take the current 2c United States stamp as an example. The plates from which these are printed contain 400 impressions so that there are 400 stamps on the sheet as originally printed. These large printer's sheets are cut into four sheets before being distributed to postmasters so that the post-office sheets—the ones familiar to the public—contain only 100 stamps. The only exception is in the case of the imperforate stamps which are sold in the full size printer's sheets of 400. Speaking generally, however, when a sheet is referred to in philatelic literature it means a post-office sheet and these vary considerably in size. The number of stamps on a sheet depends as a rule on the currency of the country issuing them. In countries where decimal currency obtains the sheets are generally composed of a hundred stamps or some multiple of a hundred. The current ½d and 1d stamps of Great Britain are in sheets of 240, thus having a value of 10s and 20s respectively—equal to the two gold coins of the British Islands. United States stamps, on the other hand, are in sheets of 100 so that a sheet of any value totals an even number of dollars or dollars and a half

The size of a stamp often has direct bearing on the number contained in a sheet. The larger the stamp the fewer in the sheet is the usual rule though the actual printing area may be equal to that of a sheet containing two or three times as many stamps.

Again the method of production has frequently been an important factor in determining the number of stamps in a sheet. The embossed stamps of Gambia were printed in small sheets of fifteen not because fifteen was a convenient number but because of the difficulty of embossing a larger number of specimens at one operation. Where stamps were engraved by hand, as the early Mauritius, New South Wales, etc., the difficulty of reproducing the same design even tolerably alike on several impressions led to small plates being used. Then in the case of some locally produced stamps the size of the printing press available has had to be taken into consideration in deciding on the number of stamps in a sheet and in the case of type-set stamps the number of impressions has had to be limited to fit in with the amount of type available! We thus find sheets of stamps of all shapes and sizes ranging from the small sheets of ten for some issues of Labuan (2 rows of 5): 12 (6 rows of 2) for the 1882 issue of British Guiana; 30 (3 rows of 10) for some of the old stamps of St. Vincent; 50 (5 rows of 10) for the dollar stamps of North Borneo; up to the large sheets of 240 for the British stamps already mentioned.

In printing the larger sheets of stamps the impressions are arranged in two or more blocks on the plate and these sections are, in the printed stamps, referred to as *panes.* For instance many of the current stamps for certain British colonies are issued in sheets of 240 specimens but these sheets are divided into four panes of 60 stamps each. A narrow strip of margin separates the panes vertically and a wider strip horizontally.

Around each pane (or the block of stamps if the sheet is not divided into panes) of most of the British and British Colonial stamps printed by De La Rue & Co. since 1887 what is known as a *Jubilee line* is shown. This is a line in the same color of the stamp—or in the color of one or both sections of the design if the stamps happen to be bicolored—which is placed about one-eighth of an inch from the outside margin of the outer stamps, so as to prevent undue pressure occurring on the edges of the plates. At first the lines were continuous but for the last eight years or so the lines have been cut into lengths corresponding with the height of the stamps on the side margins, and with the width of the labels on the upper and lower margins. They are known as Jubilee lines from the fact that they were first used in 1887—the Jubilee year of the reign of Queen Victoria.

Reference to *Marginal plate numbers* or *inscriptions* is frequently made in stamp articles nowadays. The meaning of these expressions is obvious for, of course, they simply relate to anything engraved on the margin of a plate and thus printed at the same time and in the same color as the stamps. Any sheet of United States stamps will serve as an example, for the number of the plate is engraved, the imprint of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing is shown, and there are generally initials of the plate-men who have had something or other to do with that particular plate. Marginal varieties are chiefly of interest to the specialist and their study alone is an interesting occupation.

SHORT REPLIES.

E. C. D. (New York).—The difference between the 1908-9 and 1910 issues of the United States lies in the watermark. In the earlier issue the letters "U. S. P. S" are double lined while in the 1910 set they are single-lined. The 10c and 50c with Franklin's head you cannot find in the catalogue belong to the 1912 issue which appeared after Scott's catalogue was printed. The 1c with Franklin's head belongs to the 1908-9 or 1910 issue according to its watermark. Varieties without watermark are from the edges of the sheets.

A. E. S. (Loomis, N. Y.).—Mr. Luff's work on the Stamps of the United States appears in Volumes X to XIII of the *American Journal of Philately.*

BRITISH STAMP EXHIBITION.

W. T. Wilson favors us with a copy of the official catalog of the Jubilee International Stamp Exhibition held at Royal Horticultural Hall, London, Oct. 14 to 19. It is a magnificent production, one of the finest of its kind ever issued. The cover is adorned with an illustration of the Exhibition stamp printed in brown and blue. The catalog runs to 84 pages, a goodly amount of advertising having been obtained. The description of the various entries make the book a valuable reference list and the Society may well feel proud of its labors, in catalog production.

The wrapper in which the catalog was mailed shows the special cancellation to which reference has already been made. In a circular band are the words "Stamp Exhibition Jubilee International", while in horizontal lines within the second circle is the following:—"1912—Royal—Horticultural—Hall S. W.—5:30 P. M.—Oct. 14—12."

OUR BOOK REVIEW.

No. 3 of the Philatelic Literature Bibliography Index has been received from its compiler W. R. Ricketts. The instalment before us shows the same painstaking effort as previous ones and the author in his labor of love deserves and will receive the thanks of every student of philately.

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U. S. ENVELOPES — PAPERS NOW IN USE.

There has been an enormous increase in the use of stamped envelopes in this country during the past few years, particularly in what are officially termed "Special Request" envelopes. These have the name and address of the sender and a request to return the letter in a given number of days in case of non-delivery in the upper left corner. No charge is made for printing this, but orders must be for not less than 500 of one kind at a time.

On account of the enormous quantity of paper now required the contractors have found it advisable to purchase stock from several firms so that at the present time no less than five different mills are forwarding large supplies of paper to Dayton, Ohio, to be manufactured into envelopes.

The American Writing Paper Company is a large concern, controlling numerous mills, mostly in New England. No less than three of its branches now supply envelope paper and all bear the same watermark "U S S E 1911." These are Harding Paper Company, of Franklin, Ohio; the Geo. R. Dickinson Paper Company and the Parsons Paper Company, both of Holyoke, Mass. The first named has been supplying paper since the beginning of the 1907 contract.

The T. A. Sord Paper Company, Middletown, Ohio, is another of the concerns, but as far as could be learned the only watermark they have used until now is the old "U S P O D 1907." But this does not seem to be correct and it is the writer's opinion that the paper with the same watermark changed to 1911 is now being supplied by this concern.

On March 21 of this year the Department authorized the contractors to make a deal with the Aetna Mills, of Dayton, Ohio, for supplies of paper and on May 27 the manufacturers began to use the new product. For practical reason the contractors desired to have some distinguishing mark and petitioned the Department to authorize the insertion of a dash between the U S and S E in the watermark. No objection arose and permission was granted. Thus we are called upon to look out for a new watermark, which so far seems to have escaped the vigilant eyes of collectors, as we have only seen it on size 5 white, die C, ourselves.

Instead of two 1911 watermarks we are now to have three and collectors will be kept busy for a while yet. It is certain that in view of the four or five different 2c dies now in use there will be many future varieties in the current series. Many will unquestionably be quite valuable, consequently efforts bestowed upon a collection of present envelopes will be sure to bear good results.

Two or three firms, including our own, have endeavored for a number of years to secure a small supply of every envelope which has been noted as new, but this has been exceedingly difficult. These are mostly the "Special Request" kind, which means that supplies cannot be bought at a postoffice. When a used copy is seen some diplomatic step is resorted to which promises the best result. Usually any demand exceeding a package of 25 is apt to result in total failure, frequently, therefore, the entire supply obtained is limited to a few copies. More often requests are refused and a large percentage of those complied with results in disappointment, as the obliging user of the desired variety will inform you that he has just obtained a new supply and takes great pleasure in sending you something that you cannot use at all, except for postage as the new lot is of course not the knife, die or watermark desired. Considering the large amount of detail work and correspondence involved in acquiring new varieties it can certainly not be considered excessive when 10c each is asked for such varieties.

The U S S E 1911 watermark was used by the contractors without the knowledge or sanction of the postal authorities, who immediately raised a protest. Later the official authority was given after the reasons had been stated why it was desirable to distinguish the product of the different paper manufacturers.

Not all watermarks will be found on all sizes of papers. This is not to be expected. Neither will all dies come on all knives and sizes. In classifying the 1911 envelopes the most practical classification will be the listing primarily by watermarks, namely U S P O D 1911 (T. A. Sord Paper Co.), U S S E 1911 (American Writing Paper Co.), and U S—S E 1911 (Aetna Mills). Then make further divisions according to dies and papers, and later sizes and knives (or shapes of envelopes).—*Philatelic Gazette.*

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CHAPTER III.—*Packets and Sets.*

You will also doubtless wish to sell packets and sets. Every little while some new dealer attempts to make a success by dealing only in packets and after a short display of fire works usually ends in a damp fizzle. The reason for this is that collectors start in by buying packets but as soon as they get to the point where they find they are getting too many duplicates, they switch to purchasing sets or single stamps. The dealer who sells only packets thus is constantly losing customers and has to hustle all the time to obtain new ones so that he is fighting a constantly up-hill contest. Encourage your customers who are beginners to buy packets at first, but do not try to fill them up with packets after their collections have reached the point where this method of purchasing is not profitable. Guard your customers' interests in this as in any other matters and you will find they will stay by you.

Your list of packets therefore should be only a limited one and confined to a few mixtures, several variety packets giving as many stamps as possible for the money and a few special packets to sell any special line of stamps of which you have a surplus. Do not, however, use your packets to get rid of damaged stamps, particularly when you include the damaged stamps to make up a certain set catalogue value. This is not fair business and damaged stamps (which have their value) are much better sold for what they are, singly or in special packets advertised to contain damaged stamps only.

Sets may in time be made up from your own stock but at first you will probably buy them as such at wholesale. It is well at first not to be ambitious to carry a long line of sets. Keep a very few at first, (if, in fact, you need any at all,) and do not include any sets in a printed list unless you have enough in stock to fill orders. It is foolish to list sets and then expect to get them after you receive your orders. Such a course would disgust your customers with the delay and cause them to cease trading with you. Promptness in filling orders is one of the great secrets of success, particularly on the class of goods where the customer sends his money in advance.

CHAPTER IV.—*Approval Selections.*

Unless you are in a large city and intend to do a strictly local trade, a large portion of your business will probably be transacted by mail. Most of the mail stamp trade is done by means of approval selections, as every collector knows. Stamps to send out on approval may be arranged in either approval books or on approval sheets. Books are better for the high grade stamps as they protect them, and are easier to handle.

It is a peculiar fact, however, that the young collectors in this country much prefer approval sheets to approval books and many dealers who have tried to popularize approval books of cheap stamps among beginners have had very little success. There seems to be something about a big approval sheet of cheap stamps which attracts a small boy and he does not care for the approval book with small pages and more limited display. A dealer must therefore, arrange his wares to attract his prospective customer.

Both books and sheets should be neatly mounted and clean. A torn, rumpled and dirty selection not only disgusts the customer, but encourages carelessness in handling the stamps. In making up approval books, the stamps should not only be properly priced by catalogue, but the number of each specimen should be written in the corresponding space. These may seem a good deal of extra trouble at first but it will be found a great convenience whenever the stamps have to be transferred and it also helps to prevent substitutions and avoids unpleasant disputes with customers. It is not always possible to number the cheap stamps on approval sheets, but these sheets should so far as possible be made up several at a time, all alike, so that substituting can be easily detected. Some firms have a set of envelopes for each approval sheet, the third envelope, for instance, containing copies of the stamp which

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WEST INDIES FEDERATION.

LONDON, Oct. 26.—The Federation of the British West Indian colonies is probably to be brought before the British government for approval very shortly.

The proposed federation has been much discussed since the colonial office granted permission for the trade agreement between Canada and the West Indian colonies. C. Gideon Murray, administrator of St. Vincent, lately prepared a scheme for the federation, but this proved unacceptable to the West Indies because it excluded from the plan Jamaica, the Bahamas and British Honduras.

It is claimed that federation would greatly reduce the cost of administration, which is now disproportionately high; that it would lead to the establishment of a common treasury, thereby enhancing the credit of the colonies; that it would result in the abolition of the present customs duties which the islands have raised against each other, and that it would gradually establish uniform laws in place of the present tangled skein of imperial laws and orders in council.

DEATH OF A. L. SEAGER.

We are compelled to announce the sad news contained in the above headline. Mr. Seager who had long been a resident of San Francisco came east last spring visiting Boston en route to Newcastle, N. B., where he expected to engage in business. Matters did not turn out satisfactorily and Mr. Seager returned to Boston where he obtained employment.

In August he was taken ill and his ailment became so serious that he was taken to the Mass. General Hospital where he underwent the amputation of a leg. A second operation was necessary and all of no avail for on Friday, Nov. 1 he passed on, after several days during which, while conscious, he was aware that the end was near.

The writer had known Mr. Seager for years. His was a bright, sunny disposition and his deeds of kindness were many. His friends in San Francisco and especially the stamp collectors of that city will miss him greatly.

During his stay at the Boston Hospital, Messrs. Carpenter and Batchelder of the New England Stamp Co. did all in their power to make him comfortable, Mr. Carpenter being a frequent visitor and rendering him service of great value. The funeral occurred Tuesday, Nov. 4. Services were conducted from Jones Undertaking Rooms, Lagrange St., with officers and members of the Boston Philatelic Society present as a last tribute of respect. Interment was at Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett, Mr. Carpenter and the writer attending at the grave.

We pay this tribute of love and respect to one who far from the home city was stricken down and none of kin to do him service. We remember him as one who, whatever his faults were, loved his fellow man, and we shall remember him as one who prized his philatelic treasures above all else in earthly possessions.

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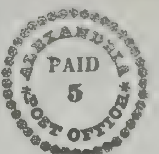

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NEWS GLEANINGS.

Under this heading we desire to publish all the news from the various philatelic centers. Correspondents' names will be given unless prohibited as we desire to give full credit for services rendered.

—We are indebted to Wm. F. Mayer for a clipping describing the Mauritius plate recently referred to in our columns. Mr. Mayer also sends us a specimen of the "Ideal" stamp in enlarged post card form, printed in colors. On the face of the card is the Exhibition postmark. We are indebted to various correspondents for specimens of this card.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from Dr. W. L. Babcock, Herman Boers, E. N. Tuckerman, Hugo Kuenstler, Ralph Day, David Hurwitz, A. E. Drought, F. C. DePuy (3) and Franklin S. Smith (3).

—M. Ohlman is the latest convert to the house organ and sends us his *Philatelic Advertiser*, a very newsy price list that he will no doubt be willing to send to any applicant free of charge.

—The *Perry Collector*, formerly the *Vest Pocket Philatelist*, now rejoices in second class rates. It quotes an advertiser as saying, "Results as good as MEKEEL'S". The compliment works all right in our direction but the name of the advertiser seems to be missing. Published by the Webb Pub. Co., Perry, O.

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TRAVERS CHANGES PLEA.

Arthur M. Travers, former chief clerk to the third assistant postmaster general and for several months acting as third assistant postmaster general, today (Oct. 29), withdrew a plea of not guilty to two indictments charging him with embezzlement and conspiracy in connection with the sale of stamps of the department having a large philatelic value. Mr. Travers, who was removed from the department early in 1911 and indicted April 3, 1911, entered a plea of nolo contendere.

Justice Gould, in Criminal Court No. 1, imposed a fine of $1,500, which was paid by Mr. Travers in $100 notes.

No statement was made as to the disposition of the conspiracy indictment against Joseph A. Steinmetz of Philadelphia, who was charged with buying the stamps removed by the postal official. It is expected, however, that in view of the settlement of the case against Mr. Travers the charge against Mr. Steinmetz will be abandoned by the government.

The stamps taken by Mr. Travers represented, it is stated, about $30 in actual value, but as they were of a rare issue, commanded a high price among collectors of stamps. From the alleged sale of the stamps, it is said, Mr. Travers received about $1,500 and when he made the offer to submit to a fine of that sum the Attorney General and United States Attorney Wilson agreed to that disposition of the case because the government had suffered no financial loss, Mr. Travers having substituted stamps of current issue for those taken.—*Washington Star.*

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UNITED STATES.—Fred Goshart sends us a copy of the current special delivery stamp, which has the top line of the entablature, and therefore of the whole design, lacking. The cutting has been badly done, and in some cases a little of the line still shows, while in other parts of the stamp the cut extends into the engraving, the work being very irregularly done. Mr. Goshart says that he is "surprised that this has not been noticed sooner, as the variety is quite common, about one to three of the others. The entire sheet is similar to the one shown, so that it is not due to defective printing."

BELGIUM.—*Lemaire's Journal* chronicles another value of King Albert stamps, completing the series. According to the same paper, the 25c recently chronicled has a larger portrait of the King than the other values, but whether this will be applied to all the portrait values remains to be seen.

We have received from Mr. Schachne several new cards. The 5c and 10c cards are without change except the stamps which are those so sharply criticised in No. 1120. The telegram card has been described in No. 1121. The letter card with stamp of 1905 has the same design of the 10c of 1910 both front and back, and the new ones are identical except they have the new stamp. All perf. DD.

Post Cards.

5c dark green on yellow.
10c carmine on pale blue.

Telegram Card.

30c dark green on pale green; 141x90.

Letter Cards.

25c blue on rose.
25c blue on rose; King Albert.
10c carmine on blue-gray; King Albert.

BOLIVIA.—The Scott Stamp & Coin Co. sends us a specimen of the 5c brown stamp listed in No. 1133, but which still appears to be a scarce stamp in the mails. None of the foreign papers that we have seen have chronicled this stamp, which is a very fine specimen of stamp engraving and printing.

EAST AFRICA AND UGANDA.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us a new value in the King George set for this Protectorate.

Adhesive.

75c black on green.

GREAT BRITAIN.—W. H. Peckitt sends us some new things from London, including the King George 3d chronicled recently, and also a new 1½d stamp, which has not hitherto been noted. The design of the latter is the same as the ½d green except that the portrait is the large profile used on the new 1d stamp, the values being changed of course. The new portrait improves the design very much, and it is rather difficult to criticize it, though it is fair to say that the whole appearance of the stamp is not up to the standard of the new 1d.

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It will be noted that the colors of all the Georgian stamps have been changed from those formerly in use, except the ½d and 1d, whose colors are prescribed by the Postal Union regulations. The 2½d is due, and may possibly be received before this is in type.

Adhesive.

1½d red brown.

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.—The *Schweizer Briefmarken Zeitung* chronicles the following with portrait of King George.

Adhesives.

5c yellow.
10c violet on yellow.
$500 yellow and violet.

TOGO.—Mr. Schachne shows us the new divided face card like the German card noted above except the stamp.

Post Card.

5pf green on buff; watermark 9. II.

PORTUGAL.—The 1c and 2c stamps of the current Republic type have been surcharged "Assistencia."

PORTUGUESE INDIES.—Whitfield King & Co. send us specimens of another split provisional, the stamp used for surcharging being the 2t brown of 1902–03.

Provisional Adhesive.

On stamps of 19 2-03.
"3 Reis" on 2t brown.

RUSSIA.—*Offices in the Levant.*—Our French contemporaries chronicle some new stamps supplementing the issue of 1910. Stamps of 1909–12 have been overprinted with new values in Turkish money.

Adhesives.

"20 Para" on 5k brown violet.
"1½ Piastre" on 15k lilac and blue.
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NOVELTIES AT THE EXHIBITION.

By Fred J. Melville.

The greatest attraction at the exhibition is the model stamp factory, and the machines here are surrounded at all times by eager bands of students. The manufacture of paper has been demonstrated by the Junior Philatelic Society in London before, but the printing of stamps by the typographical process, and the printing from large intaglio plates on a practical scale, has not hitherto been demonstrated to the student of stamps. The "ideal" stamp which has been produced at the exhibition has given complete satisfaction to the critical philatelists, and to the numerous technical printing experts who have witnessed the demonstrations. They are not altogether in agreement with the Postmaster-General, who, after printing a sheet of the stamps for himself, expressed the view that the Government's new penny stamp was the better of the two.

The exhibition stamp is being printed in blue, but on Tuesday morning a large crowd of interested spectators witnessed the production of a number of sheets in the red colour of the postage stamps. One sheet in this colour was perforated and mounted in a handsome case for the acceptance of his Majesty the King; it is the only sheet that will be issued in this colour. At night another colour—dahlia lake—was used for the purpose of printing a single sheet, which was to be exclusively used for distribution to the visitors at the official banquet on Wednesday night, a banquet where the 240 guests represent precisely the number of stamps in a complete sheet of British postage stamps.

Some interesting additions have been made to the philatelic exhibits during the week. From New Zealand there are the original designs sent in for the competition held in connection with the pictorial stamp issue of 1898. The New Zealand Government has also sent a series of photographs illustrating the methods of stamp production at their stamp-printing works, and a collection of the Statutes of the Dominion relating to postage stamps.

From the Australian Commonwealth there has arrived the first perforated proof of the new map stamp, said to have been designed by the Postmaster-General of the Commonwealth. In its latest form there are some modifications. The word postage has been inserted below Australia, and the figure of value has been transferred from the northeast coast of the island continent and dropped in the Australian Bight. I understand the die has been pierced so that it may serve for the making of electrotypes for all the denominations. It is proposed to print some of the higher values in two colours; the issue of the stamps is not expected to take place before New Year's Day.—*Telegraph.*

OUR REBUS TRIANGLE CONTEST.

We are surprised and delighted at the manner in which our subscribers rallied to the rebus contest inaugurated in our issue of Aug. 31. It proved very successful and the result will be followed with interest. No less than 90 entries were received and the prize winners are as follows:—

First, Frank C. Clark, Eagle Point, Ore.
Second, Herman Focke, Box 242, N. Y. City.
Third, Thomas M. Riley, Eagle Point, Ore.
Fourth, J. C. Devick, Chicago, Ill.
Fifth, J. A. Wainwright, Morgantown, N. C.

These five contestants sent in complete lists and the ranking has been based upon the care taken in writing up their entries. We publish Mr. Clark's entry herewith.

No. 1, Portugal.—1880 issue, 25r grey and red lilac. Also on the same stamp surcharged and used in the colonies such as Azores, Madeira, etc. The design is to lower left corner and is repeated in the other corners.

No. 2, Hungary.—1881 to 1898 issues, and is the triangle in the upper right corner of the stamp, though the other triangles correspond with it. There is a nice distinction between this checked triangle and the one shown on the telegraph stamp of the Commercial union Scott's No. 2050, 51, and that is, that the latter has a very heavy line on every other line. First thick then thin. While the rebus has all lines of even width. Prussia No. 21 is quite similar to the Commercial telegraph also.

No. 3, Col. Rep. Antioquia.—1878, 1883, 85, 2½c blue, green and buff respectively, and is the lower left hand corner and same to the other corners just outside of the labelled circle.

No. 4, Greece.—Postage due stamps, being the upper right corner, between the Greek fret pattern and circle containing the pleasant information to "come through" with more postage.

No. 5, Italian Office in the Turkish Empire.—1874, 60c lilac, Scott's No. 506, being a copy of the much altered corner design of the Italian stamp No. 28. At any rate No. 506, surcharges "Estero" is this particular bird, that resembles a top view of a monoplane. Mr. Hunt made me hunt, catalogues and then through the collection.

The nearest illustration in the catalogue might be the Spain issue of 1867, No. 88. The same lines can be obtained as the illustration in the rebus by leaving off the left and downward strokes and the half arrow points on the upper and lower cross lines. But even then, the proportion of the side lines would not be equal to the rebus. The next similar, would be India, Jhalawar though not having the separated lines.

No. 6, Canada.—1857, 59, being the upper right corner groundwork to the ½d and 1c pink, also the former on wove paper.

No. 7, Tasmania.—1900, ½d green, Scott's, Nos. 86, 94, 101 and is the lower left hand outer corner ornament.

No. 8, Trinidad.—1883-84 issue and is the upper right corner above the name label and similar to the other corners.

No. 9, Austria.—Postage due stamps, 1893, 1900 issues and is the lower left corner ornament, and repeated in the other corners. Scott's illustration of D1 shows the double lined triangle quite clearly.

No. 10, Victoria.—1886, 87, issue of the ½d lilac and rose stamps Scott's Nos. 159, 160, 180. This nearly got my goat. It is the triangle just above the arched name label and within the border pattern on the upper right side and over the letter "A" to Victoria. Similar on the left side over the letter V.

No. 11, St. Christopher.—Being the lower left corner to the early issues and while it is more clearly shown on the stamps, still I had quite a hunt for it. I found that there are other Fleur de lis on other stamps, and noted the issues of Porto Rico, Scott's illustrations A4, A5, and Philippines A14, also Naples, Parma and the slight likeness on the Mozambique Co., 1894 issue.

No. 12, Mauritius.—1872, 10p claret, and is the upper right corner between the circle enclosing the head and the outer border and top label. Similar to other corners. Bermuda 1865, 3d looks like it but the design is not in black or colored lines. Its design being white.

No. 13, Egypt.—1888, 93 issue, Scott's, Nos. 45, 46, 3 mil brown and orange. Being the lower left triangle between the oval and border lines, and same design to other triangles.

No. 14, New Zealand.—Postage due. 1900 being the triangle at upper right corner. Same to other corners. There are a number of designs similar to this, but each has some variation from the illustration. For example, take CEYLON, 1872, 2k brown. It will be noted that the white lines running diagonally from upper left to lower right follow the slight curve of the circle line enclosing the head. New Zealand has the lines straight.

No. 15, Russia.—1884, Scott's 39, 40, 53, 54, 67, 3½ and 7r values. Being the lower left scroll in the triangle space outside of the central oval. Russia being the head country I give it first choice in preference to Finland, 1901, 10m Scott's 69.

No. 16, Costa Rica.—1892, 1 peso, Scott's No. 41 and is the triangle just above the word "correos" in the upper central part of the stamp. As the illustrations are of triangles, we can assume that the triangle may be at any angle upon the stamp, and not necessarily as the rebus shows.

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No. 17, Hong Kong.—Postal Fiscal Stamp, 1874 Scott's 202 $3.00 violet and is the lower left corner, being a double triangle combination. Similar in other corners.

No. 18, United States.—That part is easy, isn't it? And it is on a fifty cent stamp. Getting along fine. Now it is on the 1902-3 issue and is on the right upper corner. It represents a leaf. Though it looks like my drawing of the Island of Cuba, when I had to draw maps in school. It must be one of the leaves that fall off about this time of the year, as it is of an orange color.

No. 5 was not illustrated in the catalog as indicated in our preliminary announcement, and in response to our invitation and explanation in the Weekly one contestant sent in a supplementary solution to this design and he is entitled to the honor of sending in a complete list.

A. Harold Kirkpatrick.

Though Mr. Kirkpatrick's list is now complete it does not measure up to the other entries. Mr. Clark's entry is a good object lesson of real merit in honor winning. We may add that had number 5 been *excluded* no entry would have surpassed in excellence the five named in the first paragraph with the exception of Gardner Teall's.

WITH THE BOY PHILATELIST.

Edited by BERTRAM W. H. POOLE, Box 231, Altadena, Calif.

We propose to insert upon this page matter that will be of interest to the boy collector. Some two thousand boys are now on our mailing list and it is our desire to come closely in contact with them in such a manner as will be most helpful. Any information desired will be cheerfully rendered through these columns. Do not submit stamps for examination.

THE BEGINNERS' GUIDE.

MISCELLANEOUS EXLANATIONS.

A stamp collecting expression constantly met with is *mint* or mint condition. A stamp is said to be in mint condition when it is in precisely the same state as a specimen newly issued from the stamp manufacturers' premises. That is, it must be unused, perfectly clean and fresh-looking, have full gum and be without any defects. An unused stamp without gum, even if in the most perfect condition otherwise, cannot be properly described as mint except in the case of those stamps which were never issued with gum.

In describing a mint stamp in the most perfect condition possible from a philatelist's point of view, the words *well-centred* are often used. A mint stamp is, of course, not necessarily well-centred, for lots of stamps are placed on sale at the post-offices more or less *off-centre* as it is termed. A well-centred stamp is one in which the design is as nearly as possible equidistant from the perforations on all four sides, or with a nice margin on every side in the case of imperforate stamps. Where one or more sides of the design are cut into by the perforation or other method of separation and there are extra wide margins on other sides the stamp is said to be off centre. Perfect centering is a practical impossibility in the case of some old stamps for the impressions were arranged so closely together on the plates that there was no room for perforations. Some stamps, like those of the United States, are notoriously difficult to obtain in well-centred condition; others, like those of Great Britain, Germany and France are normally well centred. A poorly centred stamp is certainly an eyesore but the absolutely plumb centering demanded by some collectors nowadays is carrying matters to extremes. The middle course is the sanest; if a stamp looks well and the perforation does not actually cut into the design then it may be fairly described as a good and perfect specimen.

Millimetre is a familiar term in connection with all sorts of stamp measurements and one that is now universally adopted by philatelists. It is, of course, a measure in the metric system signifying the thousandth part of a metre. Perforations are gauged by the number of teeth or holes that may be counted in the space of 2 centimetres—*i. e.*, 20 millimetres. Measurements of stamps and of surcharges are always expressed in millimetres, so that a collector will find a millimetre gauge a very useful item in his collecting equipment.

Another familiar philatelic expression is *obsolete*. Stamps that are no longer on sale at a post-office owing to the fact that they have been superseded by a new issue are said to be obsolete. Many obsolete stamps are available for postage long after they have ceased to be in issue, but sometimes old issues cease to have franking power, and in this event they are said to be *demonetised*. A demonetised stamp, therefore, is always obsolete, but an obsolete stamp is not, of necessity, demonetised.

Sometimes the letters *o. g.* follow the description of an unused stamp, and the uninitiated may be puzzled as to their meaning. The letters are a contraction of the term *original gum,* which refers to the fact that a stamp has the full gum with which it was originally supplied when issued.

Control marks are overprints of more or less meaningless devices applied to certain stamps either as an additional safeguard against forgery or to prevent stamps of similar design, but without the overprints, which have been stolen from being brought into use. The 1899 issue for Persia will serve as an example.

A term sometimes used in describing a stamp design is *spandrels.* These are the spaces that appear between an inner oval or circle and the rectangular frame or border outside. Thus, in the case of the embossed stamps of Gambia the spandrels are the spaces, roughly triangular in shape, occupied by the ornamental scrolls.

Another stamp-collecting expression requiring explanation is *grille*. This is a pattern of small embossed dots usually arranged in the shape of a square or rectangle and occasionally covering the whole of the stamp. It is found upon some of the stamps of the United States and Peru. The postal authorities had this grille (or "grid" as it is sometimes called) applied to make the cleaning of used stamps impossible. The embossing or grille effected a weakening of the substance of the paper and made it highly absorbent. Thus when the stamps were cancelled a fair amount of the postmarking ink was absorbed by the paper so that any attempt at removing the cancellation simply resulted in the destruction of the stamp.

Tête-bêche is another familiar expression and one that often puzzles the novice. When a stamp on a sheet appears upside down in relation to its neighbors it is said to be tête-bêche as regards those surrounding it. Usually such varieties are due to an error in preparing the plate either a cliché being inserted wrong way up or one of the impressions rolled on to the plate upside down. In the case of the 1883 stamps of Grenada, however, the tête-bêche arrangement of the horizontal rows was intentional each alternate row being inverted. A vertical pair of stamps from any part of the sheets of this issue is, therefore, tête-bêche. These varieties must, obviously, be shown in pairs as the stamps when separated show no peculiarities.

To all of these contestants six in number, we are sending five handbooks from our list and trust that they will prove helpful in the pursuit of our hobby.

The following contestants answered all but No. 5, the design that proved the great stumbling block in the contest:—

Allen H. Blake, M.D.
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The entry of Gardner Teall editor *American Homes and Gardens* was a very meritorious production. Mr. Teall concludes his entry:—

"I do not know of any pleasant mental exercise more delightful than that presented by working out philatelic "puzzles" of this sort. As an aid to developing memory, a keen observation and one's faculties in general few pastimes for indoors approach it."

The following solved all but two and we have inserted the numbers missing:—

B. De Golyer	2, 5
Anders Stortsoen	4, 5
Victor A. Wynne	3,5
Mrs. E. C. Story	5,14
Mrs. E. J. Norby	2,5
C. H. Foye	2,5
F. A. Tillotson	5,17
A. P. Benito	2,5
B. M. Randall	5,16
A. E. Stockin	4,5
Irwin Kreuger	5,16
H. G. Stone	2,6
M. H. Harris	5,12
Geo. E. Hale, Jr.	2,5
Frank Van Duzer	2,5
G. O. Williams	2,5
Newton E. King	2,5
H. W. Blake	2,4
Chr. Burk	10,17
R. Bruenig	2,5
F. E. Greene	2,7
E. H. Walker	5,9
J. H. Megaw	5,14
L. H. Wardwell	5,14
Arch. Campbell	5,14

Geo. O. Williams submitted his solution in verse. The entry of Frank E. Greene was an excellent production.

The following failed in three of the designs: A. Steinberg, 5, 14, 17; Silas Wetherby, 4, 5, 14; Mrs. J. A. B. Whitney, 2, 4, 5; A. A. Kranhold, 2, 4, 5; L. C. Schumacher, 2, 4, 5; F. M. Currier, 2, 5, 15; Walter E. Bellows, 4, 5, 14; Geo. M. Manherz, Jr., 4, 5, 17.

The following failed upon four:—Major Gilman, 2, 4, 5, 14; W. Lawrence, 2, 5, 14, 15; M. W. Turner, 4, 5, 10, 16; J. J. Predergast, 4, 5, 6, 18; H. Clarkson, 5, 12, 15, 16.

Incomplete answers were received from the following, all of whom had five at least incorrect:—E. B. Charman; Geo. S. Chapman; Robt. H. Purcell; Francis O. Holmes; F. N. Chevalier; John C. Morgan; Ferdinand Gottlieb; Mrs. Chas. F. Bailey; S. T. Jones; Arthur Barger; J. T. Perdomo; Frank E. Peck; Roy Boyden; Dale Russell; Clyde B. Parker; Dr. H. S. Johnson; L. J. Sneath; J. M. Overfield; Elwood Lounsbery; C. A. Clapper.

Consolation prize awards have been made Gardner Teall, Geo. O. Williams and Frank E. Greene because of the superior merit of their incomplete entries.

It is our intention to inaugurate soon another contest that should prove equally as interesting as has been the triangle rebus. So long as our subscribers enjoy these rebus contests we shall be very pleased to continue the same.

1913 EXHIBITION NOTES.

The International Philatelic Exhibition will be held in New York next year, at the new magnificent Engineer's Building, 39th Street, week of Oct. 27, 1913.

John N. Luff, Chairman of the Committee on the prospectus of the New York International Philatelic Exhibition has concluded his work. The pamphlet containing the rules, regulations, classes of exhibit, etc. will shortly be mailed.

Among the Committee of Honor who have signified their acceptances to the Secretary of the New York International Philatelic Exhibition, besides many of the leading collectors in this country, are the following prominent European philatelists: Messrs. A. Leon Adutt, E. D. Bacon, M. P. Castle, S. Chapman, Dr. A. Chiesa, The Earl of Crawford, Dr. E. Diena, Henry J. Duveen, Major E. B. Evans, Gustave Gelli, L. L. Hausburg, Thos. W. Hall, Paul Kohl, Philipp Kosack, Hugo Krotzsch, Dr. A. Kunkler, Fred J. Melville, Count G. Mailath, Capt. F. H. Napier, W. H. Peckitt, C. J. Phillips, Admiral von Raimann, Baron de Reuterskiold, Carl Willadt and R. B. Yardley.

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AWARDS AT THE EXHIBITION.

By Fred. J. Melville.

The Jubilee Exhibition undoubtedly eclipsed all previous records, both for the quality and extent of the exhibits and the number of visitors. That nearly 45,000 people visited the Royal Horticultural Hall during the week is good evidence of the continuance of stamp-collecting in popular favour. The championship in the British Empire section proved a "deadheat" between the Ceylon collection of Baron Anthony de Worms and the Great Britain stamps brought together by Mr. Sydney Loder. The judges could scarcely have decided otherwise, for both competitors had dealt with countries whose stamps present equal difficulty of acquisition and arrangement, and each had formed as complete a collection as is practicable. In the "Foreign Countries" section of the championship, Mr. A. J. Warren's magnificent and copiously annotated collection of Holland well merited the great gold medal. Dr. Achillito Chiesa, of Milan, received a gold medal for his Buenos Ayres stamps, and Mr. Victor Beaujeux a similar award for his beautifully-arranged Swiss collection.

In Class B, devoted exclusively to the stamps of Great Britain, Mr. W. Martello Gray, F. C. A., received the gold award for his collection of unused English stamps, a collection particularly strong in the stamps overprinted for postal use in Government departments, e. g., Inland Revenue, Board of Education, Royal Household, Army, Admiralty, Government Parcels (including two specimens of the 1d and one of the 1s of the parcels overprint inverted). Mr. R. M. R. Milne secured a silver-gilt medal for an interesting display of the stamps issued by the colleges of Oxford and Cambridge between 1871 and 1885, in which latter year they were suppressed at the instance of the Postmaster-General. Messrs. Mendel and J. R. M. Albrecht received a silver-gilt medal for their collaborated collection of the Mulready envelopes and wrappers, and the scarce early caricatures of the same.

There were two good displays of British Guiana in Class C, that by Senator the Hon. E. R. Ackerman being awarded a gold, and the other, belonging to Mr. H. M. Hepworth, a silver medal. Mr. O. K. Trechmann, J. P., and Mr. C. L. Bagnall received silver medals for collections of Ceylon and Papua respectively. One of the finest specialised displays in the exhibition was that of Mr. Harvey Clarke's New South Wales stamps, which collection, however, was not for competition. Mr. Henry Grey's Trinidad collection secured a gold medal and Mr. H. H. Harland received Mr. D. Field's special gold medal for a very fine collection of the stamps of St. Helena, which was one of the most studied and original pieces of work in the exhibition. In the same section Mr. A. J. Sefi received a gold medal for his collection of Kashmir. Mr. E. M. Taylor, of Altadena, California, was awarded a silver-gilt medal for a very interesting and well-worked-out collection of Tonga.

In the European section the majority of the awards were made to foreign exhibitors, many of whom were present throughout the week. Mr. Karl Gunther, of Chemnitz, received a gold award for his stamps of Saxony, and Mr. Ralph Wedmore (London), the hon. secretary of the Junior Philatelic Society well merited the silver-gilt medal in the same section for his collection of Prussian stamps. Mr. Rudolph Köhler, of Chemnitz, and Baron Erik Leijonhufvud of Bournemouth, secured gold medals for very fine displays of Roumania and Sweden respectively, and W. von Polansky, of Warsaw, was awarded a silver-gilt medal for his Russian collection. Commandant G. Aupecle's Spanish collection also received a gold medal in this class.

It is surprising that not one of the great collections of stamps in the United States was shown, despite the fact that there were many exhibitors from this country. Mr. George Brückner received a silver-gilt medal for a collection of these stamps, but the only gold medal awarded in the American class went to Captain G. S. F. Napier, of Bickley, for his collection of Brazil. In Class F, Mr. A. S. Mackenzie Low received a gold medal for Egypt, and Messrs. Harte-Lovelace and R. W. H. Row, B. Sc.,

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For general collections Mr. August Wehn, of Frankfort, and Mrs. Field, of London, received gold medals; and in the junior section the championship cup was awarded to an Eton scholar, Victor A. Cazalet (under 17 years of age) for his capital collection of the stamps of Great Britain. The Countess Apponyi and Mr. D. A. West received gold medals in the class for collectors under 21 years of age.

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OUR BOOSTER CLUB.

The Booster Club has been very busy of late, but the crowded condition of our columns has prevented our doing full justice to the Club. Our members are busy at work helping us reach the 7000 mark and we have good progress to report.

L. S. B. Saunders, Clinton, N. Y., sends in two new subscribers. Arthur L. Gleason, Suffield, Conn., renews for two years and notes three new subscribers to his credit. We also add to our membership for distinguished services A. A. Braley, A. P. S. 3553, and C. V. Webb.

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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

A CHRISTMAS HAMPER.

A valued correspondent calls our attention to the advisability of stamp collectors making a practical use of the Yule-tide season. With the good cheer that is always manifested philately should play a stronger part than has been its custom. Our correspondent writes:—

"There probably isn't a reader of your paper but what is in the habit of Christmas giving to at least two or three small boys, not to mention small girls. If every one of those readers would each Christmas make a point of starting some embryo stamp collectors the result in the way of the growth of philately would be immense."

We shall enlarge upon this suggestion next week, but in the meantime call upon our enterprising dealers to work out the idea in such a form as will aid the common cause. Let the hamper be varied in contents and priced so as to fit the pocket book of the collector of moderate means as well as the one more advanced.

OUR BOOK REVIEW.

From Eugene Klein, Incorporated, we have received the "Auction Review of United States Stamps for 1912-13," compiled by Carleton G. Ferris, who in an interesting foreword to the record of nearly two hundred pages, gives ample justification for the appearance of the work. The value of the compilation of this kind is unassailable and its appeal to the increasing number of students of United States stamps is direct and almost irresistible, as aside from any argument as to the validity of auction prices over catalogue quotations, the book covers ground that the catalogue does not touch. The auction prices in this record contain those on used and unused stamps, pairs, strips, blocks, covers, not to mention minor variations of provisionals, semi-officials, general issues and departmental stamps, envelopes, revenues and proofs, and Confederate locals. Simplicity is the keynote in the arrangement of contents and beginning with No. 1 in the catalogue, under United States, the compilation is carried well over the 3,000 numbers of the catalogue. The adequacy of the work is such as to make the volume indispensable to the student who pursues data on the subject of prices on United States stamps except as single stamps which are priced in the catalogue. The work is one that is comforting to have at hand and we feel that the volume is an important part of the equipment of the serious collector of the stamps of the United States or the one who is concerned about prices in reality, as auction prices have been called. Mr. Ferris' introduction is capital; and in it, he tells among other points, how condition is a determining factor in price of stamps.

The volume is tasteful mechanically and will look well on the shelves. United States Stamp Auction Review, 1912-13, compiled by Carleton G. Ferris. Price, One Dollar; postage ten cents. Published by Eugene Klein, Empire Building, Philadelphia, Pa.

"The Sanitary Fairs and Their Issues," by C. E. Severn, has been published by H. L. Lindquist, Chicago, in handsome dress. In fact, the edition is "de luxe" and limited to one hundred copies, numbered and signed. The paper is of the best and many of the illustrations are "extra" in that they are tipped in by hand; and all in all, the book of thirty pages is a typographical triumph. A collector here and there may be interested in the price of the book, one dollar. The series that is now printed in book form appeared in the *Collectors' Journal,* where the articles enjoyed no little favor. Of the subject matter, we forbear in modesty to speak; it is descriptive to some length and really, there is not much to be told of the stamps themselves but at least all the information available about the stamps has been incorporated in the work. Published by H. L. Lindquist, editor *The Collectors' Journal,* 700 E. 40th St., Chicago; Price, One Dollar.

"More Essays for United States Postage Stamps," by Edward W. Mason, is a pamphlet of fourteen pages, distributed by Percy McGraw Mann, 1708 North 18th St., Philadelphia, Pa., in which Mr. Mason makes many additions to and just a few corrections in his handbook on essays, published in 1911 by the committee on handbooks of the American Philatelic Society.

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CHAPTER XVI.

1 Cent, 1869.

With this chapter the writer begins the study of what has always been a source of gratification and joy to the average stamp collector—the series of 1869. Too bad it was that this issue was so short-lived, as its general artistic beauty, and the very good opportunity it provided for deep, intimate study were unusual.

It was early in the year 1868 that the postal department decided upon a change in design, and plans were made to produce postage stamps which would be most artistic. The contract for printing was awarded to the National Bank Note Co. on October 3, 1868.

Delivery of stamps had been agreed upon for February 1, 1869, but the makers were delayed, and it was not until the latter part of April, in that year that the first stamps were sold to the public. Some stamps were furnished to postmasters earlier than this time, but instructions were issued to every postmaster receiving a supply of the new stamps that none were to be sold until the supply of the stamps of the previous issue had been completely sold out. As many postoffices had large supplies of the older stamps on hand the new stamps were not in general circulation until well along into the summer months.

One thing which prevented the extensive sale of these stamps was the general dislike with which they were received by the mail-using public. The newspapers ridiculed the issue, and patrons complained of their size, the gum; and upon the whole it was a most unpopular issue.

So great was the clamor against the continued issuance and use of the 1869 stamps that early in this year the postoffice department ordered designs made for another issue to replace it. But of this more will be said later.

The 1 cent stamp was printed from plates No. 1 and 2. The official color was announced to be Roman ochre. Besides this shade there are to be found pale orange brown, orange brown, dark orange brown, and brown. Sometimes a very dark shade is met with, but the shade will lighten when peroxide of hydrogen is applied, proving that the stamp is subject to atmospheric changes, and whenever a very dark color is offered as a true, official shade in printing it should be either refused, or subjected to a bath of peroxide before acceptance.

The stamp was grilled, usually with grille points down. Occasionally a stamp is found with grille points up, owing to the sheet being reversed when it was fed into the grille machine. The grille is found in two sizes, according to Mr. Luff; but I must take issue with him in that it is found in four sizes, as follows:

Size.	*Points.*
8½x8½	11x10
8½x9	11x11
9x9	12x11
9x9½	12x12

The stamp is found regularly issued without grille, but only in one shade—orange brown. This would indicate that a supply was issued from the printers in one lot which escaped the grilling process. Occasionally a stamp is found which does not show the grille sufficiently plain to be seen even with a glass. The first test as to its authenticity is, of course, the color. Then the benzine cup will almost certainly tell whether the grille was ever applied or not.

There were delivered to the government between March, 1869, and April, 1870, stamps to the number of 16,605,150.

Pairs are rather scarce; strips of three somewhat so, and fine used blocks of four are pretty good property. It is a stamp hard to find in well centered condition, and a perfectly centered lightly cancelled specimen is worth every cent of catalog price.

As it was mostly cancelled in black, the cancellations in color are rather rare and desirable.

On August 26, 1874, the National Bank Note Co. was given an order to print 10,000 of these stamps—as well as the same number of other denominations. It was printed on the same very hard, white paper, like the reprints of other issues.

It was stated by the postal authorities that these reprints would not be supplied gummed. But this order was not observed and many of the stamps were issued with a yellowish white gum, and is occasionally found with gum perfectly white, almost like the white of an egg.

The stamps of this reprint were made from Plate No. 33—a new plate having been made for the purpose. The color was designated as dark orange brown. Of these reprints there were sold 8,252, there having been turned back to the postal department 1,748 stamps.

The catalog gives this stamp as having been printed in 1880 on soft porous paper. This is only partly correct, as the year record is only so supposed, and is far from being true as Gospel. It is true that the 1 cent, design of 1869, is printed upon soft, porous paper, and probably in considerable numbers as its commonness would indicate. It is very probable that it was so reprinted by the American Bank Note Co. as the same paper was used as upon the stamps printed by this concern.

But (and mark this statement very well) no record has ever been found as to such printing, and no record of any number of stamps printed upon the soft paper is known to exist. The fact only remains that the stamps were made, and in a considerable number. For what purpose, when, or by what authority is not known—at least, not to the grand army of stamp collectors. If anyone lives who can give us facts about these stamps it will be greatly appreciated. Perhaps this note may bring out something authentic.

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EDITORIAL.

These Many Years—We know that we have some readers today who have taken the WEEKLY from the beginning or for a period well over a score of years. Our volume one, number one, was dated January 7th, 1891 and it would be interesting to know how many of our present subscribers have been on our books for twenty-two years. We want to establish a roll of honor of such names and we ask that the readers who have so loyally remained with us for almost a generation or from number one to notify us by postal or otherwise. A record of this kind will be significant in a broad way of the permanence of philately, although its appeal to us will be a personal one.

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Deserve the Stamps—Thus far, we have refrained from yielding to the temptation to comment upon the Balkan situation and from predicting just how the philatelic map will be changed by the developments that have come thick and fast the past fortnight. Evidently, the prowess of the Turkish soldiers which in days past was no idle boast was of no avail against the valor of the Bulgars, Serbs, Montenegrins and Greeks, armed with their righteous cause. The Bulgaria "cherry cannon" and Shipka Pass commemoratives may have some worthy co-adjutants in the years to come.

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Regards to Third Assistant—Mr. Wm. A. Geiger, Fort Wayne, Indiana, writes: "I notice that the American Philatelic Society voted to petition for a stamp to commemorate the Perry victory, in 1913. I have favored this for some time and if the WEEKLY wishes such an issue, it seems to me that it could do much towards getting it by urging interested persons to write to the proper authorities and advocate the issue; and also, by giving the name of the person to whom all letters and petitions should be addressed." Even though we recognize the appropriateness of a stamp issue to commemorate the Perry victory next year when the convention will be held near the scene of the hundredth anniversary celebration, we favor the issue only academically. Commemoratives are no longer a treat to us and if the Perry stamp comes, all right but the WEEKLY itself will not be a petitioner for it. The following information should be acted upon by those who will not be happy unless they get the stamps: "In addressing the post-office department more than one subject should not be treated in the same letter and every communication should bear the address of the officer in charge of the bureau to which the business relates. Third assistant postmaster-general; Division of Stamps.—Relative to postage stamps and other stamped paper.

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Now Then—What has become of the old-fashioned collector who used to go from office to office in the down-town section asking for foreign postage stamps? Is he serving under the colors of the o. f. c. who haunted the general delivery window of the post-office intent upon absorbing foreign stamps on envelopes given or thrown away? To resume: What has become of the old-fashioned dealer who liked his stamps so well that he would offer them for sale only grudgingly. Has he fallen in with the o. f. d. who bought collections from strangers on the basis of a catalogue many years old?

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Tracked—We take pleasure in yielding the floor to Miss Amy L. Swift, Whitman, Mass., who wishes to say: "The old-fashioned collector who kept a record of the number of stamps on his album's pages still exists. I'm one of him and know several others who are more of him. Our tents are not folded yet, thank you! And 'the old-fashioned dealer who keeps all the cut round envelope stamps in the conviction that some day there will be a demand for them' is still lively. I know one in California, a collector-dealer for over twenty-five years, who would not give away one of his mutilated treasures. His only concession to present demands consists in mounting his cut valuables on squares of correctly tinted paper. No concessions in prices!"

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We Believe It—Sinpod, the stamp sage, says that he has located a collector who lives in a small town who does not envy collectors in large cities who can attend meetings of stamp societies: An auction buyer who never had to pay the full amount of his bid: A philatelic writer who was gladly surprised at the sum paid him for a stamp article and a collector who never failed to receive satisfactory stamp exchanges from foreign correspondents to whom he sent good stamps first.

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Smart Work—The tailor may be poorly clothed and the shoe-maker badly shod but the stamp folks know how to make a good stamp. The more we study the "ideal stamp" "printed and perforated at the Jubilee International Stamp Exhibition" the more convincing becomes its beauty and propriety as a postage stamp. Thanks are extended to those who sent us specimens of the stamp and the enlarged postal card reproductions of it.

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Not a Year Hence—The time and place of the International Philatelic Exhibition, New York City have been decided upon and we are informed by circular that "the new magnificent Engineer's building, 39th Street" and the "week of October 27, 1913," have been selected. Mr. John N. Luff, as chairman of the committee having in charge the preparation of the prospectus of the exhibition has completed his work; and the pamphlet which will be ready for distribution soon will be a most important one, containing, as it does, the rules, regulations, classifications and other information. A committee of honor loans its patronage to the exhibition and among its members abroad are the following philatelists of Europe:

Messrs. A. Leon Adutt, E. D. Bacon, M. P. Castle, S. Chapman, Dr. A. Chiesa, The Earl of Crawford, Dr. E. Diena, Henry J. Duveen, Major E. B. Evans, Gustave Gelli, L. L. Hausburg, Thos. W. Hall, Paul Kohl, Philipp Kosack, Hugo Krötzsch, Dr. A. Künkler, Fred J. Melville, Count G. Mailath, Capt. F. H. Napier, W. H. Peckitt, C. J. Phillips, Admiral von Raimann, Baron de Reuterskiold, Carl Willadt and R. B. Yardley.

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Samples—Mr. George Kump, Xenia, Ohio, writes: "Having taken your paper for about four years and having received many sample copies of others, I have noticed many demands for a color chart and in the *American Boy* for February, 1912, Mr. Wylie had an article on the subject. My father is a printer and receives many samples like the enclosed: and I think that something such as this would be helpful." The sample book of papers submitted embraces both wove and laid and would have its instructive side for the new collector, although naturally the range of colors is small in comparison with that in the collecting field. However, buff, fawn, amber, canary, etc., both laid and wove, are illustrated, to the advantage of the neophyte in U. S. envelopes. Any adjunct to the study of colors, such as a papermaker's sample book justifies close scrutiny on the part of the collector.

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Comes But Once A Year—Our Christmas corner. The stamp societies generally should follow the example of the Boston society and celebrate with a Christmas tree on which appropriate presents are affixed for distribution by a well-whiskered Santa of roly-poly habit. Philately is running at high tide by Christmas time and it should enter more noticeably into the exercises of the season. Perhaps, Parnassus Penflip will oblige us with a Christmas cantata for the Christmas number.

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Moreover place will be provided for beautifully arranged collections of small value, as well as exhibits of our world renowned philatelists all will stand an equal chance of getting a gold medal, all that is expected is that all must do their best. Next week and every week hereafter we shall use this space to let you know how the work is progressing and what every one is doing to help the work along.

Price List U. S. Envelopes

We have just issued a 16 page pamphlet giving a complete list of all cut square U. S. envelopes and the cheapest corresponding entire. It is very fully priced and a valuable guide and reference list. It is arranged absolutely by dies and not by papers making it easy for reference but Scott's numbers are added.

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COMMUNICATION.

(We do not hold ourselves responsible for the views expressed by our readers. Our columns are always open for communications of general interest.—Ed.)

To the Editor:—

Please permit me to make one more appeal to the collectors for their aid in the study of the early issues of the United States. I am certain that from the lack of responses received from invitations in the past the average collector does not understand nor appreciate the efforts of Dr. Chase, Mr. Stevenson and the writer to lift philately from the plane of mere collecting to a much higher one of studious effort and real dependable knowledge. If they did they would be more responsive to appeals for material with which to successfully prosecute our efforts to learn, and to make our conclusions known through the columns and pages of the philatelic press.

I am satisfied that there are thousands upon thousands of stamps of the 1 cent, 3 cent and 10 cent, 1851, hoarded away, which might better be in the hands of some real student of these early issues. It cannot be that these stamps are being accumulated and held for speculation, because within the present life of the collectors of today these stamps will never be classed as rarities, nor even scarce. I am rather of the opinion that on account of the very cheapness of these stamps those who have a few believe that their holdings would be of no benefit. So they hesitate and neglect to offer the numbers they have, fearing that less than hundreds or thousands would be of no assistance.

For myself I want singles, pairs, strips and blocks of the 1c, 3c and 10c, 1851, together with stamps showing plate numbers, engravers' imprint, margins, etc. I also want the stamps showing Carrier, Steamboat, Steamship, Express, and year dated cancellations, together with covers showing early use. To this might be added any unusual marks, either upon the plate or postmark.

The material which I hope to gather from the study of these stamps will be freely distributed through the philatelic press and in handbook form so that true students of early issues of United States stamps may benefit. I assure collectors that neither Dr. Chase, Mr. Stevenson nor myself have any selfish motives in asking the stamp collectors of this country for their assistance.

Speaking for myself I will gladly reciprocate in any way possible for any assistance which may be rendered to me. I will give good exchange, assort and classify stamps for collectors.

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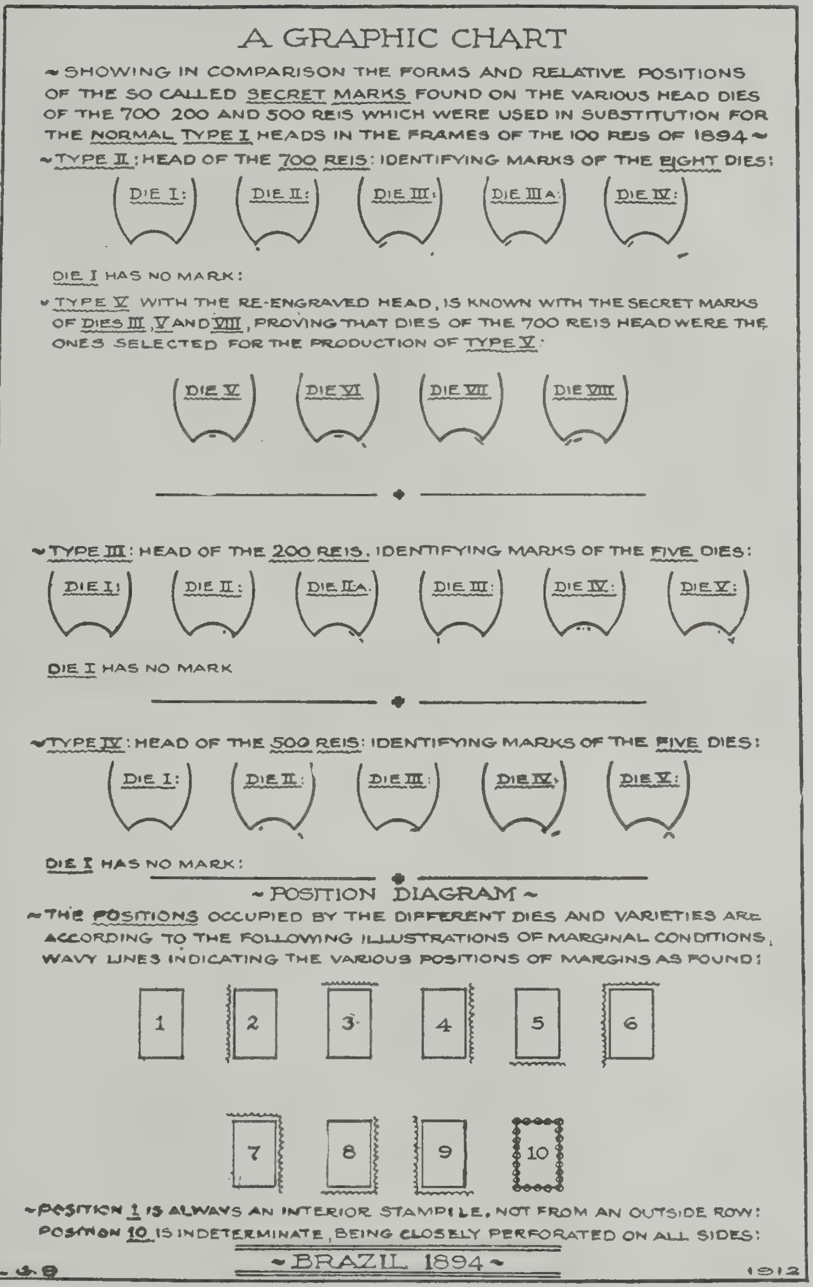
A GRAPHIC CHART
~ SHOWING IN COMPARISON THE FORMS AND RELATIVE POSITIONS OF THE SO CALLED SECRET MARKS FOUND ON THE VARIOUS HEAD DIES OF THE 700 200 AND 500 REIS WHICH WERE USED IN SUBSTITUTION FOR THE NORMAL TYPE I HEADS IN THE FRAMES OF THE 100 REIS OF 1894 ~
~ TYPE II: HEAD OF THE 700 REIS: IDENTIFYING MARKS OF THE EIGHT DIES:
DIE I:
DIE II:
DIE III:
DIE III A:
DIE IV:
DIE I HAS NO MARK:
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DIE VI
DIE VII
DIE VIII
~ TYPE III: HEAD OF THE 200 REIS. IDENTIFYING MARKS OF THE FIVE DIES:
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DIE II-A.
DIE III:
DIE IV:
DIE V:
DIE I HAS NO MARK
~ TYPE IV: HEAD OF THE 500 REIS: IDENTIFYING MARKS OF THE FIVE DIES:
DIE I:
DIE II:
DIE III:
DIE IV:
DIE V:
DIE I HAS NO MARK:
~ POSITION DIAGRAM ~
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L. S. P.
1912

The above represents a photographic copy of a Graphic Chart showing Charles Lathrop Pack's discovery of the secret marks or die varieties found on the Brazil 700r, 200r and 500r heads, which were substituted in some frames of the 100r of type I. There is no doubt but that this discovery has made the collecting of these heads very interesting, especially so as the prices at which these stamps may be obtained make them within the reach of all.

A Chat With the Advertiser

We have been crowded out during the past few weeks but must have a bit of space this week to talk things over. Business is certainly good. If you doubt it, look at our advertising columns. The season is certainly on in good shape.

Nothing pleases us more than a testimonial that *is* a testimonial. We make a distinction in which there is a difference. A few weeks ago Chas. A. Townsend had an advertisement in the WEEKLY in which he offered some New York Custom House stamps at a very low figure. Here is an extract from a letter just received from Mr. Townsend:—

"That advertisement of mine was quite a disappointment. In it I appealed to boys and it was a boys' bargain. It should have been answered by boys, for surely there are plenty of them among your readers. Instead of boys replying, two-thirds of my sales were to grownup collectors, with their large collections, or to U. S. specialists, etc. that knew a big bargain when they saw it. Several wanted from ten to twenty-five sets, while one wanted a price on my whole stock. Direct returns paid me all right, but it overshot the mark. Had the N. E. Stamp Co., Colman, or Eaton used that same advertisement they could easily have disposed of $200 worth of good stuff to buyers. However I am going to sell some stamps at 1c each this season, and please don't forget it."

W. Morton Webb, Kingsville, Can., is with us for a season and will use space to dispose of a large accumulation of duplicates. W. F. Slusser and Maxwell Krause break from small ads to displayed space. A new advertiser, R. S. Green, Louisville, Ky., will be found with us regularly on page 3. The Atlas Stamp Co., W. Somerville, Mass., is another enterprising firm that promotes its publicity into the displayed class. After a little vacation the Chesapeake Stamp Co. is again with us.

As for the small ads dept. we can't keep track of the newcomers. Business is just booming, and if you want a few lines of space this is your chance.

Our next recruiting number will be Nov. 30, with several thousand extra circulation. Regular rates will prevail. Have ad copy in Nov. 23.

Please remember the steady, persistent advertiser will win out. Don't imagine that people look for your ad just as soon as they get the paper. There are other toads in the puddle and you must make good.

Patience, perseverance, pluck=progress!

THE MANAGING EDITOR.

PHILIPPINES 20th CENTURY

1906, 26c used........................cat.	.25	.10
1909-11, 30c used....................	.35	.15
1909-11, 26c "	.25	.10
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It seems that 30 years ago Mrs. Parkhurst read an advertisement which offered free tuition for a Chinese lady at an American institution of learning in return for 1,000,000 cancelled stamps. Mrs. Parkhurst began to collect them with great diligence, but when she had a million she could find no place where they might be exchanged for college days for a Celestial. So she just went on saving them.

The price paid by the dealer was not disclosed, but he seemed pleased with the bargain. He has figured it all out that, placed side by side, they would reach from New York to Pittsburgh. He has also calculated that when they were new the stamps represented an outlay of at least $200,000. He has not decided just how he will dispose of them, but he is sure that for the paper alone they would bring a substantial sum.—*Boston Herald.*

Small Ads Column.

This column is for the use of our patrons who desire only a few lines of space. If you want to buy, sell or exchange, it is without doubt the best advertising medium in the world.

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We shall use every possible endeavor to protect our subscribers, but we cannot undertake to be responsible for unsatisfactory trade relations. Advertisers against whom complaints are proven will be debarred the further use of these columns.

Advertisers sending out approval selections must take precautions to secure satisfactory references. We cannot undertake to settle all the petty disputes arising from the wide-spread scattering of approval selections.

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Good Stamps.
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Madagascar 1902, 5 on 50, O. G.	.10	.04
" " 15 on 1fr, O. G.	.18	.08
San Marino 1892-94, 30, 40, 45 & 65	1.35	.60

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Modern Collectors' Club—see ad page 362, whole No. 1141. Particulars of W. M. McCUTCHEN, 85 Myrtle Ave., Plainfield, N. J. [tf*

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CHRONICLE OF NEW ISSUES AND VARIETIES

Edited by HENRY A. KIDDER.

Any information regarding new issues will be gratefully received and acknowledged. Address HENRY A. KIDDER, 17 Addison St., Arlington, Mass. Letters calling for a reply should contain a self-addressed, stamped envelope. We cannot give applicants the addresses of our correspondents. Correspondence regarding precancelled stamps must be sent to FRANK B. ELDREDGE, Attleboro, Mass., when due credit will be given in this department.

UNITED STATES.—Referring to Mr. Loeb's item in No. 1138 relative to a variety in the 1 cent U. S. revenue, P. E. Crabtree reports having found similar period varieties in the 2c surcharged "I. R.," Scott's No. 2994. He writes: "I have about fifty plate number strips from the top of the sheet in which the period after the 'I' on the middle stamp is hollow. This occurs on every one, thus being a constant variety. I also have quite a number of strips from the left side of the plate in which the period after the 'I' on the middle stamp is one third the size of the ordinary one, a perfectly shaped period, however, not broken. I should be glad to know if any of your readers have found these varieties in the same positions thus showing them to be constant errors."

CHINA.—The *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly* reports another local printing of the surcharges on the Imperial stamps, this time at Kien Yang Fu, in the Province of Fukien. Seven values, ½c, 1c, 2c, 3c, 4c, 5c and 7c have been thus printed, the overprint being found in both red and black, the red ones being considerably scarcer than the black. One thousand of each value were overprinted, the type employed for the surcharge being quite distinctive, and readily separated from the other printings.

GREAT BRITAIN.—Whitfield King & Co. and the Universal Publicity Co. have shown us specimens of the 2½d King George stamp just issued. The design is the same as the new 1d, chronicled in No. 1139, except the necessary changes in color and value. The value in words is printed in two lines between the figure tablets, thus: "Two Pence—Half Penny."

Adhesive.

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2	Timor 10r green	.31
3	20r rose	.22
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2	3p blue	1.87
3	6p orange	2.11
*10	4p yellow green	4.63
14	½p brown violet	.26
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26	½p on 6p bistre brown	.31
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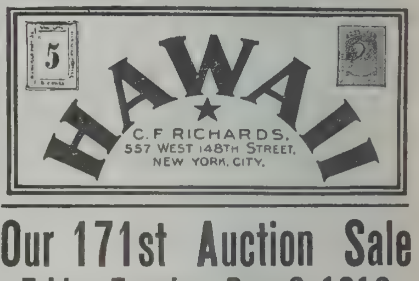
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SPAIN.—Mr. Schachne has shown us some recent arrivals in cards one of which (15x15c) is listed in a 1911 catalog as an issue of 1909. As errors of issue date have occurred in regard to adhesives we seem warranted in calling this an issue of 1912.

The 10x10c is a mate to Senf 43 and the 10c is same card with the new stamp like the 10c adhesive—small head in circle. All above have the stamp at right.

Post Cards.

15x15c violet on gray blue; T. 4.
10x10c carmine on gray blue; T. 4.
10c carmine on gray blue.

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.—The *Berliner Briefmarken Zeitung* chronicles another value in the King George set.

Adhesive.

1c dark green.

VICTORIA LAND.—The *London Philatelist* reports having seen the ½d stamp of New Zealand, Edwardian type, overprinted "Victoria—Land" in two lines.

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Lists of wants of the above group will receive every attention, and selections will be forwarded on approval.

NEWS GLEANINGS.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from Alfred Koppenhaver, Franklin S. Smith (3), John F. Fortune, Russell L. Stultz (3), N. O. Brooks, F. E. Morehouse, Hugo Kuenstler (3), E. S. Bissinger and Rev. Louis J. Voss.

—We are in receipt of a very handsome 1913 calendar from the International Stamp Co., Degraff, Ohio.

—H. Wesley Legg has removed from Pepperell to Boston as will be noted by his advertisement elsewhere in this issue. Mr. Legg has the advantage over the ordinary stamp dealer in that he has both a winter and a summer address.

—"The new one shilling Barbados stamps of the King George and pictorial type are already exhausted, and our correspondent informs us that fresh supplies have not been ordered. Whether this means that this value is to be permanently withdrawn we cannot say, but it must be some months before these stamps are again obtainable."—King's *List*.

—"I am sorrow but I am not going to renew my subscribtion to your paper, as I have given up hopes of becoming a stamp collector, as I couldn't make heads or tails of a 2 cent stamp so I give up."—Jas. Davis.

—All advertising copy must be in on Saturday. In case of emergency Monday will answer but no later.

—"My ad in the WEEKLY of glassine paper was the best I ever placed. I have had between 30 and 40 replies and they are still coming. This shows that if an advertiser offers something that collectors want and need there is no trouble about getting replies from even a small ad. Please give me another insertion in your next issue. The heavy quality of the paper makes it necessary for me to raise the price on small lots sent postpaid."—A. W. DUNNING.

—"A new set for St. Vincent will be issued on January 1st, 1913 and the design will probably be a combination of the King's portrait and the Arms of the Colony, similar to those of Barbados. As soon as these new stamps are brought into use the entire stock on hand of stamps of the old issue will be withdrawn and burnt." - King's *List*.

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BIT BY BIT.

By FRANK E. GOODWIN.

Halford Barry, Cedar Rapids, Ia., reports possession of 5 cents, 1857, Scott's No. 48a, with double perforation vertically.

H. C. Crowell, Cleveland, O., has disposed of a 5c, 1857, brick red, Scott's No. 45, cancelled Steam Ship in two lines.

O. S. Hart, Cleveland, O., reports 5 cents, 1847 cancelled in a Lake shade of ink.

F. D. Collins, St. Louis, recently secured 24 cents, August, 1861, on part of cover, dated St. Louis, Sept. 1, in black. It was stamped as received in "London, Sept. 16, '61, Paid," in red. The St. Louis cancellation is round circle with bars. Mr. Collins also has secured a block of ten 3 cents, 1870, which is unique. The left four stamps show grille very strong while the remaining six have no trace of grille.

H. F. Kohr, Kansas City, has the 2 cents Louisiana Purchase (St. Louis) in shade of orange red. Since receiving this I have seen others in same shade, both used and unused.

I have seen two book leaves, current issue 1 cent with numerals, in which the left stamp on leaf, with guide line at bottom, shows a line or point of color extending to left from lower frame line of stamp. This projecting line is about 1 mm. in length. The inscription "Cent" shows smudge in the white, resembling slightly a double transfer.

A number of readers have informed me of U. S. varieties, cancellation and otherwise, which will be noted soon.

MAY MR. SLEDD HAVE EASY GOING!

"When Mr. Wylie's article came out in the WEEKLY in regard to novices' starting a stamp business, I had been deliberating and making some preparation looking to that end for some time.. Then came Mr. Grant's 'How to become a stamp dealer;' and the first paper contained the words, 'Go to it, Andrew; go to it.' Now my name is Andrew, and one of the boys, my sons, for whom I wanted to start a stamp business, is named after me. So there you have it, and here goes: 'Pike's peak or bust.'

I enclose a check for $7.50 for 50 lines of advertising in your Small Ads Column, according to your offer of Nov. 2nd. Please insert the following ad. for the next two issues of the WEEKLY. After that I will send other copy for the next two weeks; and so on."—ANDREW SLEDD.

SCOTT'S CATALOG FOR 1912-13.

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By EUGENE KLEIN.

Thinking that it would save you and also some readers sleepless nights, I am quoting a little passage which I wrote in my diary in London, at the Hotel Cecil, on Wednesday, July 17th, 1912. This reads as follows:—"The day has been very hot. Just returned from theater. I asked the waiter for a cold drink, he suggested "Lemon squash" or "Coke tile." He mentioned the latter because he evidently took me for an American and he no doubt thought I wanted the National drink. I risked the former, which I found to be insufficiently sweetened cold lemonade."

THE PACIFIC EXHIBITION.

By HENRY B. PHILLIPS.

(While the following communication from Henry B. Phillips has considerable of the personal touch in it, we take the liberty of using it in the WEEKLY, believing that it will be of considerable interest to our readers. Mr. Phillips is the vice-president of the Pacific Philatelic Society and the death of Mr. Crocker falls heavily upon him and his associates upon the official board.—ED.)

You can imagine how keenly we feel the loss of Mr. Crocker. Our society has had no meeting since, but there is no doubt we shall face the future and the coming Exhibition with a determination to carry out our plans on the lines laid down. The writer has secured convention room from the management ot the P.-P. I. E. which may be inside or outside of the Fair grounds as may be preferred.

In due time an official invitation will be issued to the A. P. S. and to all other philatelic organizations to hold their conventions here that year, and Mr. Barr, director of conventions, hopes to have a congress of philatelic societies, which could take up certain lines of work that will suggest themselves to our philatelic leaders from all countries, and which could adjourn to meet again in three or five years. I am also assured we can have sufficient space in the fine arts building for an exhibition of stamps, but the Ex. authorities would not insure nor provide more than ordinary police protection, placing the onus of safeguarding upon our society.

However to have secured room for convention and exhibition is a distinct gain on which we will build the superstructure of a great event, or series of events.

You may not be aware that Mr. Crocker's cousin, Mr. Wm. H. Crocker, the banker, (president of the Crocker National Bank of S. F.) is a member of our society, and has a fine collection, and I am in hopes to interest him to take up some of the work and assume a leadership among us.

I regret the loss of Mr. Crocker more than I can express, both as a friend and as a stamp companion. We were arranging to collaborate in the work of bringing out a work on Western Franks that would be worthy of the name and a credit to our city, and to that end he had begun to form a strong collection, which together with my collection and extensive notes would have enabled us to carry out the plan successfully.

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47	“ “	.15	.07
51	“ “	.12	.06
87	Ceylon	.15	.07
89	“	.25	.12
22	Gibraltar....................	.04	.02
23	“	.06	.03
24	“	.15	.07
25	“	.20	.10
26	“	.25	.12
12	Gold Coast..................	.12	.06
15	“	.15	.07
22	Grenada....................	.25	.12
23	“	.25	.12
30	“	.08	.04

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Meetings first (informal) and third (regular) Tuesdays, Room 322, Tremont Bdg., 7.30 P. M.

BOSTON, MASS., Nov. 16, 1912.

The 280th (regular) meeting of the Society will be held at the Club Room on Tuesday evening, November 19th, at 7.30 o'clock.

Suitable entertainment will be provided by the Entertainment Committee.

The following applications for membership will be acted upon:—Messrs. H. Mayo Smith, Blaine Elmer, R. R. Campbell, Leland Powers and Lyman S. Hapgood.

C. A. HOWES, Sec.

WITH THE BOY PHILATELIST.

Edited by BERTRAM W. H. POOLE, Box 231, Altadena, Calif.

We propose to insert upon this page matter that will be of interest to the boy collector. Some two thousand boys are now on our mailing list and it is our desire to come closely in contact with them in such a manner as will be most helpful. Any information desired will be cheerfully rendered through these columns. Do not submit stamps for examination.

THE BEGINNERS' GUIDE.

POSTAGE DUE STAMPS.

In addition to ordinary postage stamps—that is stamps issued for the use of the general public for the franking of postal packages—certain countries also issue stamps for special purposes and as these are included in the catalogues it will be as well to make brief mention of them and the uses for which they are intended.

Postage due or "unpaid letter" stamps are labels issued for the collection of deficient postage. When a letter has been mailed without stamps or with insufficient stamps to cover the proper postal rate the amount due is collected from the addressee and the sum to be collected is in many countries indicated by these special postage due labels. In most English speaking countries these labels bear the words "POSTAGE DUE," either as part of the special design or in the shape of an overprint, so that they are easily recognizable. Below I give a list of inscriptions found upon the postage due stamps of other countries so that the beginner should have no difficulty in recognizing them.

A payer—(To pay). Appears upon the stamps of Belgium and Luxemburg.

A percevoir—(To pay). Found upon the stamps of Belgium, Egypt, France and its Colonies, Hayti, and Monaco.

A receber—(To be received). Occurs upon the stamps of Portugal and its Colonies.

At betale—(To pay). Appears only upon the stamps of Norway.

Chiffre Taxe—(Total amount of tax). Found upon the stamps of France and its Colonies and also on those of Hayti.

Deficiente—(Deficient). Found upon the stamps of Nicaragua.

Deficit—(Deficit or deficiency). Appears upon the stamps of Peru.

Franqueo Deficiente—(Deficient Postage). Found upon the stamps of Ecuador, Nicaragua, Paraguay, and Salvador.

Lösen—(To pay). Appears only upon the stamps of Sweden.

Milit. Post. Portomarke. Appears upon the stamps of Bosnia-Herzegovina. This means literally "Military Post penalty stamp," the first two words referring to the fact that though under the nominal suzerainty of Turkey, the provinces were occupied by Austrian troops and Austria had entire charge of the posts.

Multa—(Fine). Appears on the stamps of Chili and Costa Rica.

Multada—(Fined). Found only upon the stamps of Chili.

Porteado a Receber—(Postage to be received). Appears upon the stamps of Portugal and its Colonies.

Portomarke—(Penalty Stamp). Appears upon the stamps of Austria and Norway.

Segnatasse—(Postage Due). Found upon the stamps of Italy and San Marino.

Sobreporte—(Over-postage). Found upon the stamps of Colombia.

Surcharge Postage. This inscription is shown upon the postage due stamps of Grenada and Trinidad.

T.—A large "T" overprinted on some of the stamps of Bulgaria and Abyssinia shows they were converted into postage due labels. The postage due stamps of the Dominican Republic merely have a letter "T" engraved in each corner.

Takca—(Tax). Found upon the stamps of Bulgaria.

Tasa—(Tax). Appears upon the stamps of Uruguay.

Taxa de Plata—(Money fine). Is shown upon the stamps of Roumania.

Taxa Devida—(Tax due). Found upon the stamps of Brazil.

Taxe a Percevoir—(Tax to pay). Is overprinted upon some of the ordinary stamps of Abyssinia to convert them into postage due labels.

Tebetalen—(To pay). Appears upon the stamps of Belgium, Holland and Colonies.

SHORT REPLIES.

F. A. C. (Murphy, N. C.), writes as follows:—"I wish you would tell the meaning of some designs from time to time. On Costa Rica No. 69 is pictured Juan Santamaria with a firebrand in hand. I cannot find his story. Who was he? (2) On the French stamps what is the symbolism of the woman sowing? Is it merely plenty? (3) Why are the letters in the corners of British stamps always changing? (4) Who is pictured on the 1878 stamps of Honduras? (5) Who appears so often on the stamps of Venezuela, as on 1882-1893?"

Perhaps some reader versed in Chilean history can give us some information regarding Santamaria? I can find no mention of him in any of my reference works. (2) I presume the Sower lady is symbolical of plenty though it is difficult to understand why this figure was chosen as typical of France. (3) The numerous varieties of corner letters on the old British stamps as I have explained before, are due to the fact that every stamp on a sheet had a different combination of letters as an extra precaution against counterfeiting. The greatest possible number of varieties in any one stamp is 240 that being the number of 1d stamps in a sheet. (4) The portrait on the 1878 stamps of Honduras is that of Francisco Morazan, who was born in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, in 1799. When independence was declared in 1821 Morazan left business and devoted his attention to politics. He led the State troops against Guatemala, was captured, escaped, and made a second attempt to resist the Guatemalan ascendency in Central American affairs. This time he was successful and was made President of Honduras in consequence. Instituting many reforms he aroused the jealousies of other parties and though he was successful for a time circumstances were ultimately too strong for him and he resigned the executive in 1840. He went to Peru and two years later invaded Costa Rica overthrowing the Government and himself assuming office. His reforms resulted in a revolt during which he was captured by the rebels and shot on Sept. 15th, 1842. (5) The portrait shown on practically all the stamps of Venezuela is that of Simon Bolivar, generally known as the "Liberator." Born in 1783 and educated in Madrid he made it his life work to oust Spanish rule from South America. He led the successful troops against Spain and in 1819 proclaimed the "Republic of Colombia," which term embraced the territory subsequently (1832) divided into Colombia, Ecuador and Venezuela. He effected the independence of Peru and Bolivia. The latter country was named after him as was also the state of Bolivar.

WHERE BILLY EXCELLED.

By ARTHUR IRWIN SMITH.

There was a look of satisfaction in Miss Marshall's eyes as she glanced over her room. Even Billy Towne was pouring over his geography lesson and Evelina Bird was as silent as the sphinx. The number work class continued reciting with unusual enthusiasm. If the superintendent, whom she was expecting, would only come now before the children grew tired and restless.

"Oh, Miss Marshall," whispered a pupil near her. "Someone is at the door."

Contrary to previous training, the pupils craned their necks to see the visitor as Miss Marshall admitted him. Billy sat up and stared and Evelina began to chatter. Miss Marshall felt hot and uncomfortable, and she flushed as she gave the young superintendent a chair.

The number work class rushed to their seats. Miss Marshall never allowed them to go that way; but how could the superintendent know that? All her satisfaction in her work was gone. She felt as if her humiliation was already complete.

The reading class which came next was lacking in the usual spirit and expression. That was not surprising for her attention was being given to the discipline of the school. She couldn't tell what Billy would do next, and as for Evelina—she was already taking in things around her desk. But the next class would be the geography class and that would bring these little pests under nose. Maybe she could relax a little then.

"Yes, I'd like to question these youngsters," the superintendent smiled pleasantly. "They seem to be wide-awake."

"You can never tell what children will do," exploded Miss Marshall with a sigh. "I thought I was having perfect order just before you came."

"I think I know something about that dependable quality of childhood," the man returned cheerfully, and Miss Marshall, relieved that he was not taking things too seriously, breathed freely once more.

Then the superintendent began talking about the wonderful world they were studying and the children listened attentively. Many of them answered readily until he began asking them about different countries, their people, and their customs. Both Miss Marshall and the superintendent opened their eyes in surprise as Billy Towne not only answered every question but gave much additional information. Portugal, Spain, Italy, Germany, and in fact nearly every country and colony seemed to be on Billy's tongue. Their location, their rulers, and even their monetary systems were familiar topics. It was wonderful. Miss Marshall had kept him back with the others studying North America and he really knew as much about geography as she did.

Billy's wonderful feat in geography seemed to give confidence to the whole school, so that during the remainder of the superintendent's visit, the children showed off splendidly.

"Your pupils are thorough in their work," he commented to the happy Miss Marshall. "That boy in the geography class is a wonder. What is his name?"

"Billy Towne," she replied, but she did not admit that she had been ignorant of Billy's power to learn. No wonder he got into mischief. He had already conquered every field before she assigned them, and there had been no work for him to do.

"Well, Billy, how is it that you know so much about geography?" asked the superintendent as he passed by the former terror of Miss Marshall's room.

"Oh, I have been collecting stamps for several years," returned Billy nonchalantly. "I guess I have stamps from every country you asked about, and more besides."

HELPING HANDS.

By FRANK E. GOODWIN.

How little we know about stamps. Thanks to the many readers of MEKEEL'S who are giving freely of their knowledge we are learning new things every day.

More evidence of the widespread mailing points of the three cents 1867, grille covering entire stamp, continues to arrive. C. W. Bowen, Providence R. I., states that he has one on entire envelope "M. O. B." "Official Business," addressed to the postmaster of a country postoffice in Rhode Island, containing instructions about the issue of money orders. The stamp has full margin and part of printers' imprint. The margin is grilled same as the stamp. The envelope is postmarked "Washington, Mar. 17."

P. M. Wolseiffer, Chicago, sends me, for examination, an entire cover with 3c grille all over, postmarked "Fort Smith Ark., Sep. 6." The cancellation is the familiar "target" form, and postmark does not touch stamp.

Mr. Wolseiffer also affords me the rare pleasure of examining a cover with vertical pair grilled all over, postmarked "Beaver Dam, Wis., Aug. 19, 1867."

When the grille covering entire stamp was first catalogued the date of issue was given as 1868. So it remained until the discovery of this pair of stamps by Mr. Wolseiffer, and its submission for expertizing. The catalog date was then changed to 1867. These stamps bear the endorsement "Examined and pronounced O. K. by J. W. Scott."

Some years ago this pair passed out of the hands of Mr. Wolseiffer. He kept track of them, however, and has recently secured them, and submitted them to the writer as added testimony, an honor which I certainly appreciate.

It is by such kind acts as these the writer may publish to the world many items which have heretofore been kept back by owners of rarities. Not only for myself, but on behalf of the grand army of collectors who are studying and specializing in United States stamps, I thank everyone who has contributed to the fund of knowledge which has been materially added to since I began writing "Specialized U. S." for this paper. To assist in a measure in determining the relative rarity of the 3 cent 1867 grilled all over, with points down with that having points up, will those who possess copies of the stamp with grille points down please communicate with the editor, or with Frank E. Goodwin, 319 Euclid Avenue, Webster Groves, Mo.

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THE REGULAR ISSUES OF PERU.

By AL. DE LA TORRE BUENO.

Not till 1857, nearly a score of years after the first official issues of stamps had seen the light of day, did Peru join the ranks of the Governments with regularly established postal systems.

Prior to 1857 all mail matter had been carried and franked for its own account by the Pacific Steam Navigation Company, a steamship line plying between Panama and the ports on the west coast of South America, but in this year Peru took into her hands the care of the mails.

The Government not having a supply of stamps at the time had to avail itself of those which the Pacific Steam Navigation Company turned over to it—the 1 and 2 reales—until such time as it should receive its own stamps. This did not occur till the following year, 1858, when it put into circulation an issue consisting of three values—1 dinero, 1 peseta and ½ peso.

The 1 dinero and 1 peseta were reissued in 1859 and again in 1860, with slight modifications, in both years, in the drawing; and in 1862-72 these were superseded by two new designs in the values of 1 dinero and 1 peseta, there being three printings of the latter in three different colors.

In 1866-67 a new issue of stamps made its appearance in an entirely new design with the values in centavos, the issue consisting of three stamps, their denominations being 5, 10 and 20 centavos.

Five years later, in 1871, there appeared a new issue consisting of two stamps of an entirely new design their denominations being 2 and 5 centavos. The latter was for use in Callao, Lima and Chorrillos, the 2 centavos being a new denomination for local use in Lima.

Up to this time all the stamps issued by Peru had been imperforate, except the 2 centavos which was rouletted.

The first actually permanent and complete set of stamps issued by Peru was the 1874 issue, and consisted of seven stamps ranging in value from 1 centavo to 1 sol.

The seven values of this issue and the designs of same were used for twenty-one years—1874 to 1895— with changes in color, grill and surcharges. During this period changes of an economic as well as of an historic character occurred.

Paper money had become so depreciated during these years that in 1880 Peru surcharged her stamps with the inscription "Union Postal Universal—Perú" in an oval and the word "plata" (silver) in the centre. The stamps surcharged thus were to be used exclusively for foreign mail going to countries in the Universal Postal Union, and had to be paid for in silver ("plata"), or its equivalent, thus distinguishing them from those to be used for domestic mail which were sold for paper money without any premium being charged on account of the depreciated condition of the bills.

In 1879 a state of war existed between Peru and Chile and after a series of bloody encounters the Chilians occupied Lima on January 17th, 1881, and the same year after having taken possession of all the branches of the government, including the post office department, they surcharged the stamps with the "Union Postal Universal" surcharge, changing the word "Perú" to "Lima" as the stamps were issued only from that Post Office. Following this they surcharged the 1, 2, 5, 10 and 20 centavos values, which remained unsurcharged in the Post Office, with the Chilian coat of arms. Later in the year they overprinted four values—1, 5 and 50 centavos and 1 sol—with the inscription "Union Postal Universal" in a new shape, known as horseshoe, and the Chilian arms.

Five stamps of this issue were again surcharged in 1883 after the Chilians had evacuated Peru, with a triangle, but without "Union Postal Universal," which made it necessary to superimpose this surcharge, use being made this time of the two ovals and of the horseshoe on the different stamps; later the horseshoe and triangle were used together; this was followed by the "Lima-Correos" surcharges.

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The surcharges on the Peruvian

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Upon the death of General Bermudez, who followed General Caceres as President of Peru, the then (1894) current issue was surcharged with his bust. This surcharge was also combined with the "Union Postal Universal" horseshoe surcharge. After the Bermudez surcharged issue there followed a new set of five stamps, comprising two of the designs of the 1874 and three of the 1866 issues.

Following the death of General Bermudez, General Caceres again took the reigns of government in hand and was ousted in the beginning of 1895 by Nicolas Pierola, who to extold his achievement had a commemorative issue made in September of that year consisting of seven stamps of the same denominations as the 1874 issues.

From 1895 to date there have appeared eleven issues, if we are to consider single stamps and single surcharged stamps as separate issues.

The first of these, issue (1895), portrayed prominent figures in the conquest of Peru by the Spaniards when it was still the Inca Empire. This issue contained one additional value—the 2 soles. In the issue of 1899 two additional values were introduced, the 5 and 10 soles, and in 1900 and 1902 there were issued two stamps of 22 centavos, the primary object of which was to prepay the foreign postage, the rate of which was reduced in 1905 to 12 centavos and a stamp of this denomination issued.

The 5 and 10 soles values were dropped from the 1907 issue but a new denomination, the 4 centavos, was added; the 2 soles was dropped from the present issue (1909) and the 12 centavos for foreign postage again introduced, the present issue being thus reduced to the nine values which are actually required.

The only stamps of which the post office officials have not been able to gauge properly the probable demand at the time of ordering is the 1 centavo. In 1897 this value became exhausted and the 1 centavo stamps surcharged "Gobierno" were used to prepay ordinary postage; in 1898 the 1 centavo postage due was surcharged "Franqueo" and used for ordinary postage, and in 1907 the 12 centavos was surcharged "Un centavo." This stamp was also surcharged "Dos Centavos." These latter two are the only cases in which Peru has surcharged any of her regular postage stamps with another value. Now we find that copies of the 1 centavo official are being used for ordinary postage.

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AEROPLANE CANCELLATIONS.

By Arthur T. Browne, B. P. S. 543.

The number of aeroplane cancellations has now reached thirty. Since the first instalment of my article appeared (several weeks ago) I have learned of several cancellations, some old and some new, and as a result I have now compiled a complete check list of these interesting and elusive cancellations.

No. 5—Atlanta, Ga.

The fifth aeroplane cancellation comes from Atlanta, Ga. This cancellation was used November 16, 17 and 18, 1911.

The meet was held at the Atlanta Speedway on the above mentioned dates. The mail was carried by that daring bird-man Lincoln Beachey. From a special postoffice on the grounds, Beachey flew to Stewart Avenue, in Atlanta, a distance of three miles. Here he dropped the sack of mail. It was picked up and taken in an automobile to the main postoffice. Both the cancellation and postmark were in reddish purple ink. The postmark was a small circle. At the top, were the words "Speedway Aerial Sub-Station." In the center was the date. At the bottom, were the words "Atlanta, Ga." The lettering was in very small type. The cancellation consisted of eight thin lines, each two inches in length. Over the postmark and the cancellation was the following: "Aeroplane Mail Service."

No. 22—Benton Harbor, Mich.

The twenty-second aeroplane cancellation comes from Benton Harbor, Mich., and was the first to come from that state. At a meet held at the State Fairgrounds July 17 and 18, 1912, the aeroplane service was established by order of the Second Assistant Postmaster General, under order dated July 10, 1912. The route was designated as No. 637001. The aerial mail carrier was aviator Charles F. Walsh, who was recently killed while flying at the Trenton, N. J., Fair. A special postoffice was established on the field and was known as "The Fairgrounds Station."

Both the cancellation and postmark were in black ink. The postmark was circular in shape. At the top were the words "Benton Harbor, Mich." In the center was the date. At the bottom were the words "Fair Grounds Station." The cancellation consisted of eight thin lines, one and five-eighths inches in length. The third and fifth lines were broken. In the space thus made, were the words "Via Aeroplane." The space between the sixth and seventh lines was extra wide. In this space were the words "To Main Office."

Mail was carried from the special postoffice on the grounds to East Lawn on East Main street and was taken from there to the main office.

No. 30—Springfield, Ill.

The thirtieth aeroplane cancellation comes from Springfield, Ill. At the Illinois State Fair, held at Springfield, October 4-12, 1912, it was planned to have mail carrying by aeroplanes on October 4 and 5.

The aviators were Horace Kearney, Eddie Korn and Farnham Fish. Mail was carried but one day, however and that was on Thursday October 10. On October 8, Korn started with a mail pouch for Williamsville, Ill., a distance of fourteen miles, cross country. He was forced to give up the trip owing to engine trouble. On the 10th, Kearney carried a sack of mail to Williamsville. There was a special postoffice on the fairgrounds. The aeroplane postmark was a large circle and was in reddish purple ink. This served both as postmark and cancellation. At the top were the words "Aeroplane Station." In the center was the following in three lines:—"State—Oct. 10, 1912—Fair Grounds."

Corrected Check List.

No. 1—Garden City Estates, N. Y. September 23 to October 1, 1911.
No. 2—St. Louis, Mo. October 4-9, 1911.
No. 3—Rochester, N. Y. October 21, 1911.
No. 4—Fort Smith, Ark. November 6, 1911.
No. 5—Atlanta, Ga. November 18, 1911.
No. 6—Savannah, Ga. November 25-28, 1911.
No. 7—Columbus, Ga. December 12-13, 1911.
No. 8—Wilmington, N. C. January 1, 1912.
No. 9—Los Angeles, Cal. January 20-28, 1912.
No. 10—Oakland, Cal. February 17-25, 1912.
No. 11—Sacramento, Cal. March 2-3, 1912.
No. 12—Galveston, Tex. March 17, 1912.
No. 13—Baton Rouge, La. April 10, 1912.
No. 14—Altoona, Pa. May 18, 1912.
No. 15—Cicero, Ill. May 30-June 2, 1912.
No. 16—Milwaukee, Wis. May 30-June 1, 1912.
No. 17—Saugus, Mass. May 30-June 1, 1912.
No. 18—Lexington, Ky. June 3-9, 1912. (No Mail Carried.)
No. 19—Squantum, Mass. June 29-July 7, 1912. (No Mail Carried.)
No. 20—South Amboy, N. J. July 4, 1912.
No. 21—Hamilton, Ohio. July 12-13, 1912.
No. 22—Benton Harbor, Mich. July 17-18, 1912.
No. 23—Coney Island, Ohio. July 19-21, 1912.
No. 24—Hohokus, N. J. August 3, 1912.
No. 25—Fort Recovery, Ohio. August 8-9, 1912.
No. 26—Ocean City & Stone Harbor, N. J. August 8-13, 1912.
No. 27—Portland, Oregon. August 10-11, 1912.
No. 28—Cicero, Ill. September 12-14, 1912.
No. 29—Birmingham, Ala. October 7, 1912. (No Mail Carried.)
No. 30—Springfield, Ill. October 10, 1912.

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COMMUNICATIONS.

(We do not hold ourselves responsible for the views expressed by our readers. Our columns are always open for communications of general interest.—Ed.)

TO THE EDITOR:—

Perhaps my zeal in the study of United States postage stamps, and my desire to see the stamps of my native-born country as well treated by the cataloguer and experts as those of other countries, leads me to walk upon dangerous ground. I say this at this time because I am in receipt of a letter from a well known authority upon stamps, and especially of the United States issues, advising me that I am putting too much stress upon minor varieties. He further advises (now mark this prediction well) that if I persist in writing along intensive specialized lines, I will cause a slump in the sale of stamps of other countries which will "put me in bad" with some dealers who sell stamps from Abyssinia to Zululand.

What I want is an equal consideration of the United States issues with those of other countries in every publication and from every general collector. In the case of catalogs and check-lists printed in the United States, and which depend more largely for support upon the collectors of this country than in any other, I want more deference paid to the collectible things of the United States than that which is accorded to any other nation.

To make my meaning clear let me cite one instance of "making fish of one and flesh of another." In Scott's catalog, under head of Canada, I see that No. 1, 3 pence red, is listed with double transfer. No. 15, 5 cent vermilion, is also listed with double transfer.

In this same country, same page, and identical issues, I find that the stamps are listed upon thin paper.

But nowhere in the catalog do I find a single United States postage stamp spoken of with double transfer, although the compiler of this catalog knows that double transfers exist in both denominations of the 1847 issue and also in the 1 cent, 3 cent and 10 cent 1851.

Students of stamps know, too, that the 5 cent, 1847, and the 1 cent and 3 cent, 1851, are found on a very thin paper, fully as thin and as distinguishable as that of Canada.

Once in a while an inverted watermark occurring in a foreign issue is made much of, while the same things in U. S. are passed lightly over. I say that United States is as worthy of every philatelic consideration as any country on earth—perhaps a little bit more.

FRANK E. GOODWIN.

Nov. 12, 1912.

TO THE EDITOR:

I desire to report to you John Dvorak of Cleveland, Ohio. I am inclined to think he wrote to us after seeing our name in your paper. He asked for a selection of Peru stamps on the letter head of The Ohio Worsted Spinning Co. We wrote to the president of the company but later this turned out to be a faked signature made by Dvorak. We sent a lot of Peru stamps in which he substituted $90 worth of surcharges, etc. taking out an inverted one and replacing it by a commoner stamp upside down. He also erased the cipher from stamps marked in dollars and remitted as many cents. By dire threats we have in the past few weeks managed to get back half of the stamps, but it looks as if he has ceased righting his wrong and we are about to proceed to prosecute him for using the mail for fraudulent purposes. We have had a letter from another dealer showing where Dvorak is asking for approval selections.

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NEWS GLEANINGS.

Under this heading we desire to publish all the news from the various philatelic centers. Correspondents' names will be given unless prohibited as we desire to give full credit for services rendered.

—F. R. Holloway informs us that he has purchased the balance of the R. R. Robinson stock, containing thirty thousand stamps.

—We have received from many of our subscribers a Goldberg cartoon that is being given a wide circulation. It deals with stamp collecting in a humorous fashion and not withstanding the "knocks", the publicity given the hobby will no doubt be advantageous.

—We have received from the J. M. Bartels Co. their 1913 price list of cut square and entire United States envelopes. Every collector of envelopes will find this list of value and it will no doubt be sent upon request.

—Clippings have been received from Benj. Weisner, Mrs. T. S. Gatner, R. R. Caldwell, Elliot B. Hunt, Freeman C. Allen, Arthur Russell, Chas. A. Jenkins, C. A. Yarrington, Copley Stamp Co., Meredith Staub, Frank Reeder, Jr., Chas. Beamish, A. H. Loomis.

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Time:—The (Wedding) Present! ! !

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A maiden!
Notorious flirt;
A hobble skirt
Arrayed in!

A "gay young dog"—
New catalogue—
Excited!
"Dear Mr. Brown,
Pray do sit down!"
"Delighted."

Some stamps exchanged—
Hair much deranged!
"Good gracious!"
About "wild gale"
Concoct a tale
Veracious!

A pair far "gone"!
"You are," sighs John,
"Angelic."
More meetings still—
Not strictly philatelic! !

The same old spot—
Album forgot—
Not wanted!
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69	1861, 12c black	.75	.30
70	24c red lilac	1.00	.40
71	30c orange	.75	.30
72	90c blue	3.50	1.50
89	1867, 10c green, 11x13	1.25	.50
90	12c black, 11x13	.85	.35
91	15c black, 11x13	3.00	1.25
95	5c brown, 9x13	5.00	2.00
96	10c green, 9x13	1.00	.40
97	12c black, 9x13	.75	.30
98	15c black, 9x13	1.25	.50
99	24c lilac, 9x13	5.00	2.25
100	30c orange, 9x13	4.00	1.65
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EDITORIAL.

Good Giving—Our Christmas corner is now on a basis worth while and it intends to justify its existence by advertising its wish to promote seasonable cheer of philatelic kind. Pursuant to this desire, we advocate the gift of postage stamps and albums to beginners as Christmas presents. We know that practically each one of our adult readers habitually gives Christmas presents to at least one or two small boys and girls. This year, these generous givers are asked to consider the propriety of presenting stamps and accessories to the embryonic collectors; and if the suggestion is followed, philately must flourish and likewise, the satisfaction of the boys and girls. The WEEKLY intends to do something of this sort on its own initiative this year; and we know that when we furnish some particulars next week, there will be a response from a few of our friendly readers.

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Christmas Suggestion—The suggestion has reached us that no doubt among our readers are some who would be disposed to donate odds and ends of duplicates to a "gift fund" for Christmas distribution to "shut-ins," if their attention was called to the subject and if they knew that the stamps would be distributed advantageously and to those deserving of attention. We shall undertake the collection of such a fund by contributing a lot of miscellaneous stamps to it; and others who care to build on this foundation are invited to put aside stamps for the purpose and notify us of their act. Then, we shall send them the name of one or more "shut-ins" desirous of stamps, to whom the donors may send the presents of stamps direct. We wish to be given the names and addresses of worthy "shut-ins" who want stamps and who cannot afford readily to secure them through the accustomed channels. The "shut-in" who through affliction or disease is confined constantly to the house often finds that the time passes even cheerily when it may be spent with stamps. In fairness to a contemporary, it must be admitted that the plan outlined is not a new one but it is one whose adoption cannot be too heartily recommended. All correspondence relating to "shut-ins" should be addressed to the editor, C. E. Severn, who is in Chicago, at 721 Oxford Building.

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How Do We Know—What has become of the old-fashioned collector who could tell instantly from memory whether he had such-and-such a stamp in his collection? Is he chumming with the o. f. c. who when he heard of a new stamp-collector called without introduction upon him in the evening to show his album and do some "trading" if circustances were favorable? What has become of the old-fashioned dealer who would put the stamp purchases in a little envelope, only if they amounted to a transaction of fifty cents or more? Is he comparing notes with the o. f. d. who remembers the Guatemala, 1882, bi-colored quetzal issue, as the most popular stamps ever issued up to that time?

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At Least He Says So—Sinpod, the stamp sage, says that he has proved that there exists a collector who did not lay aside some unused Columbians with speculative intent at the time of their issue: A stamp dealer who suggested to a "star" customer that he join a stamp society so that he could have the benefit of its sales department: A collector who never received a sample copy of a philatelic publication without subscribing for the paper and a collector who could tell a brown violet from a violet brown at the instant and without comparison.

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Awaiting Word—It is pleasing to notice that Parnassus Penflip's consent to accept the berth of postmaster-general in President Wilson's cabinet has been hailed with great gusto by several readers who have lost no time in writing to convey their appreciation of the Penflip's magnaminity in taking the office, so far as his acquiescence is involved. Yet the towering figure about whom the discussion circles conducts himself with becoming *sang froid*, as the following letter attests: "Congratulations upon my almost certain selection as postmaster-general are pouring in and it is the general feeling that my decision to serve in the cabinet will ensure a phenomenal popularity for Mr. Wilson's administration. It is too early for me to indicate the stamp changes that I contemplate; be not precipitate in anticipatory optativeness. In preparation for my trip to Washington, could you not remit the $2.50 of the $92.50 owing me for my literary lucubrations? Surely I have been patient." We need not remind our literary hero that patience is a virtue worthy of a monument and that it ill behooves him at this time when the eyes of the world are upon him to descend to any calculations of financial kind.

Let Someone Answer—The following problem of philatelic conduct has been submitted as worth the consideration of the giant intellects of our readers: "An expert in visiting the home of an ardent but philatelically unlettered acquaintance of rather recent acquisition, upon espying a palpable counterfeit of one of the Cape wood-blocks, mildly and tactfully expressed the possibility that the stamp might not be genuine, although of course he really disliked to say that it was a gull. Thereupon, the well-heeled and hospitable novice said blandly that the stamp could not possibly be a forgery, as he himself had taken it off a letter given him by his Uncle Nimmo, who was some functionary at the Cape in 1861, when the wood-blocks were issued. Shall the guest gently but firmly persist in his position or drop the subject?" Come away, he is in his cups.

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Not So Bad—In the opening ceremony of the Jubilee International Stamp Exhibition at London, Sir John Henniker Heaton, in moving a vote of thanks to the Right Honorable Herbert Samuel, M. P., who made the address on the occasion, that earnest advocate of postal progress, Sir John said that "he could assure the Postmaster-General that there was less crime amongst stamp collectors than amongst any other class of men with which he came in contact." This is a fact both interesting and true, and philatelists now have another count in favor of stamp collecting, notwithstanding any thought to the contrary that the new dealer might have who found that the only one of the five collectors to whom he had sent unsolicited approval sheets had substituted the only good stamps that had been on it originally.

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A Rare Plate—The plate of the famous "Post office" Mauritius stamps which was so compelling an attraction at the London exhibition in the dealer's stall of Mr. D. Field, is the subject of much discussion in the English papers. Any regret at the seeming irregularity by which official property of the kind could come into private possession is met with the feeling of security in the thought that the plate is in the hands of so worthy and scrupulous a philatelist, as it is. Mr. Field sold the plate to Mr. Loder, a customer. It has been suggested that a fine line be cut across each engraving on the plate to guard against any possible misuse of it in the future, should the plate in any way become lost or stolen.

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Dec. 19. Notes on the arrangement of the Pence Issues of Ceylon, with Display—M. P. Castle, M. V. O. J. P. (Vice-President).

Jan. 2. Paper on the Stamps of Japan, with Display—F. J. Peplow.

Jan. 16. Display of "A General Collection," with Notes—W. Corfield.

Feb. 6. Paper on "Surface Printing from Steel Plates," with Display—J. Dunbar Heath.

Feb. 20. Display by members of one or more specimens on Entires or of pairs or blocks. Members are requested to limit the Display to twelve exhibits and to give a succinct description of each specimen.

Mar. 6. Display—J. A. Tilleard, M. V. O.

April 3. Display of the Stamps of Brazil—Capt. G. F. Napier.

April 17. Display of the Stamps of New South Wales—H. J. Duveen.

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Stamp Collectors Annual, 1913.—This edition of the *Annual* is the tenth that has appeared and is edited by D. B. Armstrong and published by H. F. Johnson, 44 Fleet St., London. The price of the book is 25c. It follows quite closely the lines of the previous edition, but is thoroughly up-to-date and will prove of great value to the general as well as the advanced collector. It would take considerable space for us to give even a resume of the contents of the book but we feel confident that any collector who invests his quarter for this book will not ask for any refund of money. It is profusely illustrated.

Check List of British Colonials, 20th Century.—This *List* has already been referred to in the WEEKLY and many of our readers have had the privilege of a personal examination of its contents. It is published by Stanley Gibbons, 198 Broadway, N. Y. City, and claims to give the actual market value of all specimens issued from January, 1901 to October, 1912. The man at the helm understands his business so well that we should not presume to question the correctness of the quotations made. Though a price list, there is a great deal of information scattered through the book, and the collector of British Colonials will undoubtedly keep it where it will be easy for reference. Price 25c.

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CHAPTER XVII.

2 Cents, Brown, 1869.

At first glance there is little about the 2 cent brown, with its postrider, of issue of 1869 which would appeal to a stamp collector as possessing much field for study. But the specialist finds considerable in this stamp to delight him, outside of its being one of a series which has always been beautifying to any album.

There are a variety of shades and sizes of grilles, and also of paper, which make it fairly fertile for study, and when every stamp, possible to secure, has been mounted, the philatelist has really a very presentable page of two cent browns.

The stamp first appeared for sale about the middle or latter part of April, 1869, and was upon the postal market about 12 months. The stamp was printed from plates number 3, 4, 5, 6, 27 and 28. There were 300 stamps to the sheet, each stamp being slightly oblong, the official size being 20¼x20 mms.

Mr. Luff, in his authoritative book upon the U. S. stamps, gives the following collectible shades: Yellow brown, red brown, pale brown, and dark brown. To these shades I wish to add the light brown and black brown.

It is stated with authority that there were 83,743,600 stamps printed and issued to postmasters.

Four sizes of grilles are found in this stamp, although the authorities consulted to date give but two. The grilles generally known are 9x9½ with 12x12 points and 9x9, with 12x11 points. I do know that the stamps are found grilled 9½x9½, with 13x12 points and 8½x9, with 11x11 points. Split grilles are frequently found; double grilles are rarer.

The catalog also mentions the stamp as being officially issued without grille. This stamp comes only in one shade—yellow brown. Whether it was issued with authority or by accident no one is so far able to inform us.

The stamp was also printed in the 1875 reissue, and, of course, not grilled. The two can be readily recognized, if one is a student of stamps, for the reason that the regular stamp is in yellow brown with smooth brown gum, while the reissue, when found gummed, has a white crackly gum with a decided curl. Cleaned, stamps showing no grille have been regummed and put upon the market as reissues. Usually the expert tests will prove their bogusness, but sometimes an expert has been misled by carefully prepared stamps made to sell as reissues.

Pairs of this stamp are not uncommon, but strips of three are found oftener than the straight pairs, on account of it requiring three stamps to pay double letter postage. Blocks of four and larger are not frequently met with. I have seen the stamp with double impression—printed twice. I am sorry to say I do not possess the variety nor do I know where that copy is now.

There is considerable field for the specialist who pays attention to cancellations. The usual cancellation is black, with pen marked next in commonness. Then in turn come blue, red and green. "Paid" cancellations are quite rare.

The stamp has been found bisected, and half used as one cent. It has not been my privilege to see a copy.

Cleaned stamps of this denomination are frequently found. They can usually be found out by holding to the light. Unless the pen mark was very light the pen left its mark as well as the ink.

CHAPTER XVIII.

3 Cents, Blue, Issue 1869.

Probably one of the first stamps which attracts the attention of the young collector is the square stamp, blue, with an old-fashioned engine standing at "present arms." There are but few stamps in the entire line of U. S. to which more, or even as much sentiment is attached as to this little "sticker." It is not overly attractive, has little by way of variety to recommend it for study, and yet it is one of the earliest to be added to the average collection.

This stamp was the first of the series to be issued to postmasters, and was to be seen by patrons of the postoffice from early to the middle of April, 1869. It soon became common, but owing to its evident lack of popularity with the public, its use lasted only a year when it was replaced with the familiar three cent green, of 1870-71.

Ten plates were used for making the three cent stamp of 1869, to wit; Nos. 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 25, 26, 29 and 30. The shades officially announced for specialists are dull blue, gray blue, ultramarine and deep ultramarine. To which I will add a true shade of blue and a shade resembling bronze blue, as we know it. This latter might have been caused by having a trace of orange upon the plate, caused by wiping with a cloth used in printing the 10 cent.

The stamps were printed in sheets of 300, size 20½x20 mms. The total number printed was 386,475,900.

Five sizes of grilles have been found, with probably more to follow when collectors take the time and care to measure all which come to their hands. Those so far known are:

Size.	*Points.*
9½x9½	13x12
9x9½	12x12
9x9	12x11
8½x9	11x11
8½x8½	11x10

The stamp is found without grille, but the usual ones of this kind, so called, have a faint trace of grille when put to the expert test. The stamps were officially printed with grille missing, in shades of pale ultramarine and dull blue. What plates were used is not known.

The reissue is in a shade of deep ultramarine, entirely different from the ordinary stamp.

This stamp has been found printed upon double paper. This may be news to most collectors, but it is a fact. This double paper effect was made by printing upon a very thin paper, which was grilled all over. Then a thicker backing was applied and the stamp was finished. A block of four of this experimental variety was in the possession of H. G. Mandell.

The 30 cent of this same issue was also printed upon double paper, but the upper sheet was not embossed, or grilled.

Two-thirds, used as two cents, is the only bisect so far learned of.

Pairs are most common with this stamp, strips not rare, but blocks, except in unused condition, seem to be very scarce. Cancellations out of the ordinary seem to be uncommon. The usual postal cancellation is in black, and many stamps are pen cancelled. Blue is not often met with, green is rather scarce, and red very unusual. "Paid" cancellations are worth a small premium over catalog price.

I forgot to state in the preceding two chapters that proofs both in cardboard and India paper are worth collecting. These will sometime be much sought after, and they can now be obtained at a reasonable figure. The set of proofs makes a beautiful addition to the pages.

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(*To be continued.*)

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We neglected to note last week the advt. of E. R. Vanderhoof, Denver, Colo., who is offering revenue bargains at wholesale quotations. C. A. Pitkin of Montpelier, Vt., will be with us regularly commencing next week.

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53		3c green	.03	.03
54		6c carmine	.05	.05
55		12c olive brown & green	.08	.08
56		15c ultramarine	.10	.10
57		18c olive and carmine..	.12	.10
58		30c purple and green...	.16	.16
59		45c brown and carmine.	.25	.25
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UNITED STATES.—M. T. Perkins calls attention to the fact that some of the current post cards, McKinley 1c blue on bluish are coming on thinner stock than was the case at first. Mr. Perkins shows us a specimen confirming his statement. When held to the light the thinner card shows a cloudy or mottled texture, though taking ink fairly well.

Geo. C. Hale, Jr., reports finding a half sheet, 50 stamps, of the 1c violet postal savings stamp, all of which have little upright colorless marks at the extremities of the ceriph. The plate number was gone and it is not known whether the balance of the stamps in the sheet had the same defect.

ARGENTINE.—Freeman C. Allen has shown us an aviation stamp from this Republic, which came on a cover, sandwiched between pairs of the current 1c and 5c postage stamps. The aviation stamp is a large oblong, the main feature being the flag of the Republic flying from a short staff, with "Republica Argentina" across the top and "Pro-Aviation Militar—1912" in a single line across the bottom the folds of the flag at the right have dropped down giving room for a figure "5" in a large "C."

We have received from Mr. Schachne the Express letter card described in No. 1089 but with the "Laborer" stamp. No other change.

Express Letter Card.

30c carmine on white,—outside buff.

BOLIVIA.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us another provisional from this country made by surcharging the 10c vermilion with "Correos—1912" in black.

Provisional Adhesive.

Fiscal stamps of 1894, surcharged "Correos—1912." 10c vermilion; black surcharge.

BOSNIA.—Whitfield King & Co. and the New England Stamp Co. have now shown us the krone values in the new set and we find the colors somewhat different from those recorded in No. 1140. The 2k is black on blue, 3k, carmine on green.

CANADA.—L. C. Hooper sends us specimens of the new 1c coil stamps of the Dominion, including an unused strip of three, which is quite a curiosity in its way. The strip is perforated at the ends, but the perforations between the stamps are missing. The marks of the perforating needles can be seen, but the paper is only lightly marked. The strip and a pair used on the envelope were found in lot of 2,000 stamps used by the Hooper Publishing Co., and were all that were found that were not normal.

COLOMBIA.—Freeman C. Allen has shown us a cover from Barranquilla, franked with two 2c stamps of the issue of the 1908 issue, and the upper half of another making five cents postage.

The following is from Whitfield King & Co.'s Monthly List:

A correspondent sends a circular issued by the Postal Department of this Republic, and sent to the leading firms of stamp engravers and printers in America and Europe, asking for tenders for the supply of a new issue of stamps, of which the following are the particulars; the name at the end of each line is that of the individual whose portrait is to be depicted on the stamp or description of central design, which is to be in black in all values:—

4,000,000	½c	violet, Caldas.
8,000,000	1c	green, Narino.
16,000,000	2c	red, Santander.
4,000,000	5c	dark blue, Bolivar.
2,000,000	10c	orange, Lucre.
100,000	4c	Registration, violet, Allegorical design.
1,000,000	20c	olive, Ricaurte.
200,000	50c	vermilion, Cordoba.
400,000	1 peso,	lilac, Arms of Colombia.
100,000	5p	black on yellow, Camilo Torres.
40,000	10p	black on green, Arms of Colombia.
100,000	2½r	Retardo, carmine, Arms of Colombia.
500,000	10c	Registration, light blue, View of Salto de Tequendama.
100,000	5c	"A. R." yellow green, View of National capital.
50,000	4c	inscribed "Urgente" for Express Letters, grey, A Postman.

EAST AFRICA AND UGANDA.—Arthur Russell shows us the 15c value of the King George *set*, and also reports having seen other used values of the new set as given below. The earliest post mark seen was Oct. 2.

Adhesives.

10c buff.
12c gray.
15c ultramarine.
25c red and black on yellow.
50c lavender and black.
1r black on green.
2r black and red on blue.

FRENCH COLONIES.—*Le Postillon* gives some interesting information regarding new surcharges on Colonial stamps, which were slated to appear on October 15. The Colony denomination and number printed were as follows:

Guadeloupe—
05 red on 4c group; 83,000.
05 red on 30c group; 63,000.
10 black on 40c group; 50,000.

Indo China—
05 black on 4c group; 28,000.
05 red on 15c gray group; 1,386,000.
05 black on 30c group; 71,000.
10 red on 40c group; 65,000.
10 red on 50c brown group; 56,000.
10 black on 75c group; 37,000.

St. Pierre Miquelon—
05 black on 2c group; 42,000.
05 red on 4c group; 121,000.
05 red on 15c blue group; 82,000.
05 black on 20c group; 36,000.
05 red on 25c group; 213,000.
05 red on 30c group; 96,000.
10 black on 40c group; 97,000.
10 black on 50c group; 60,000.
10 black on 75c group; 43,000.
10 black on 1fr group; 47,000.

Senegal—
05 red on 15c group; 195,000.
05 black on 20c group; 36,000.
05 red on 30c group; 72,000.
10 black on 40c group; 72,000.
10 black on 50c rose group; 37,000.
10 black on 75c group; 28,000.

Le Postillon says that in addition to the above, there were to appear at the same time further issues of the surcharges made in July and duly chronicled at that time. In most cases the new issue amounts to practically doubling the original issue. This new opening of the sack, says the editor of *Le Postillon*, will have two results: First, it will allow those who have not had them to obtain them; second, it will calm a little the frenzy of those who were alarmed at the advance of these surcharges. Where only 58,000 stamps of any value were surcharged the effect may not be great, but in the case of the 05 on 15c of Indo China, 1,386,000 specimens should discourage the hardiest speculator. Of the new surcharges the 05 on 4c of Indo China and the 10 on 75c of Senegal would appear to be most likely to advance in price later.

INDIA.—We have just received from W. T. Wilson specimen copies of the 25 rupees, regular adhesive and Service, Georgian issue, as chronicled in our issue of Nov. 2. The stamp is a very imposing one and printed in blue and brown orange is exceedingly handsome. The "Service" is printed in large sans serif capitals.

JAMAICA.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us two values of the King George set from this Colony.

Adhesives.

2d gray.
1sh black on green.

LEEWARD ISLANDS.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us three of the lower values of the King George series, the design, being in the current Colonial type.

Adhesives.

¼d brown.
1d scarlet.
2½d dark ultramarine.

NEW ZEALAND.—A foreign contemporary reports that £1 rose of 1881 issue has been surcharged "Official."

RHODESIA.—*Ewen's Weekly* reports that the 6d comes with the centre in a deep brown color instead of gray brown.

SIERRA LEONE.—Whitfield King & Co has shown us two more values of the King George set, the 1d having been previously chronicled.

Adhesives.

1½d orange.
2d gray.

UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA.—The *African World* says: The new issue of postage and revenue stamps for the Union of South Africa will be ready, it is expected, about the middle of next year. The designs have just been approved by the Union Ministers in Cabinet, and have been returned to England, so that the dies may be cut and the plates made.

The new postage stamp will be of a plain design, and there is nothing on it of a national or emblematical nature. The head of King George will be shown in an oval, the picture being the latest portrait of the King, who has approved it personally, and is the same as that used in the latest issue of the Imperial stamps. Down the two sides round the portrait will be printed the words "Union of South Africa" and "Unie van Zuid Afrika." The border of the stamp is in very simple, but effective, scroll work, and at the bottom, in the right and left corners, the value denomination of the stamp will be shown in figures. The stamp altogether is remarkable for the simplicity, though effectiveness, of the design. The issue of the ½d, 1d, and 2½d stamps will be in accord with the fixed international postage colours—*i. e.*, green, red, and blue respectively; the colours of the others will be fixed at a later date.

The revenue stamp, which is about half as large again as the postage stamp, carries a more ambitious and artistic design. Besides the King's head and inscription, at the top and on both sides, the stamp will be decorated with a curtainlike effect.

It is understood that in about three months' time the colour scheme will be submitted to the authorities here. In the meantime, the cutting of the dies will be begun immediately. The Treasury has at the moment stamps in stock to last until next September, so that the new issue will be ready before the old stock runs out.

URUGUAY.—The New England Stamp Co. and Whitfield King & Co. have shown us two more values of the Artegas locally printed. Like the 2c recently chronicled, the new stamps are very poorly printed though the colors of the originals are imitated fairly well.

Adhesives.

5m red violet.
5c dark blue.

WITH THE BOY PHILATELIST.

Edited by BERTRAM W. H. POOLE, Box 231, Altadena, Calif.

We propose to insert upon this page matter that will be of interest to the boy collector. Some two thousand boys are now on our mailing list and it is our desire to come closely in contact with them in such a manner as will be most helpful. Any information desired will be cheerfully rendered through these columns. Do not submit stamps for examination.

THE BEGINNERS' GUIDE.

OFFICIAL STAMPS.

Another important class of stamps not available to the public comprises those issued for official use. These stamps are used for franking the mail matter of the more important Government departments. As a matter of strict reality all such mail is carried free but some countries use special stamps as an easy way of determining the exact amount which ought to be credited to the Post Office for the service. Most countries now dispense with the use of these special labels and use instead official envelopes. These official stamps are either of distinctive design or are overprinted with some word or letters to indicate their special use. Generally one series suffices for all the Government departments of a country but occasionally individual series are issued for each separate department as was the case with the United States stamps of 1873-79. These stamps were all inscribed with the name of the Department for whose use they were intended but most other English speaking countries have converted [illegible] ordinary postage stamps into official ones by the simple expedient of applying an overprint.

Where the word "OFFICIAL" or "SERVICE" forms part of the inscription or overprint the character of the label is at once apparent. Thus the overprints "Army Official," on the stamps of Great Britain, or "Army Service," on the stamps of Sudan, are self explanatory and at once show that the labels were used on the correspondence of the department dealing with army matters. Where other words or simply letters are used the beginner may find some difficulty in arriving at the proper character of these stamps but the following list of overprints (except where otherwise stated) should simplify matters:—

Admiralty Official.—A British Government department dealing with naval affairs.

Board of Education.—A Government department of Great Britain.

G. F. B.—Found on some of the stamps of Tonga. The letters stand for "Gaue Faka Buleaga" which means On Government Service.

Govt. Parcels.—An overprint found on various British stamps issued to the different Government departments for use on parcels.

I. R. Official.—Used in connection with the Inland Revenue department of Great Britain.

O. H. M. S.—"On His Majesty's Service." Found on some of the King Edward stamps of the Somaliland Protectorate.

On H. M. S.—"On His (or Her) Majesty's Service." Found on the stamps of India and the Somaliland Protectorate.

On Public Trust Office Business.—This lengthy inscription forms the chief part of one of the official stamps of New Zealand issued in 1891.

On S. S. S.—"On Sirmoor State Service." On the stamps of the Indian Native State of Sirmoor.

O. P. S. O.—"On Public Service Only." Found on many of the stamps of New Zealand.

O. S.—"On Service." Found on the stamps of New South Wales, South Australia, Trinidad, and Liberia.

O. S. G. S.—"On Sudan Government Service." On the stamps of Sudan.

O. W. Official.—Used in connection with the Office of Works department of Great Britain.

P. G. S.—"Perak Government Service." On Straits Settlements stamps converted for the use of Perak.

Postage Free.—These words, with a crown between, and a border around like that on the first stamps for the Cook Is. form the design of an official stamp used in New Zealand in 1887.

R. H. Official.—On British stamps used in connection with the Royal Household.

In addition to the above South Australia furnishes a series of 55 different overprints but as these are rarely met with it is hardly necessary to detail them with their respective meanings.

In countries where the inscriptions are not in the English language more difficulty will be experienced in identifying the official stamps. Most of those of the Central and South American republics are easily distinguished for the word "OFICIAL" or "FRANQUEO OFICIAL" (Official Frank) forms part of the design or overprint. Other forms will be found in the list given below:—

E.—Overprinted on certain Bavarian stamps in 1908 for the use of Railway officials.

Francobollo di Stato.—This means literally "Frank stamp of State" and appears on the Italian official labels.

Frei Dürch Ablösung.—(Free through communication.) With "Nr. 16" stamps so inscribed are official stamps of Baden, and with "Nr. 21" they are official stamps of Prussia.

O. B.—Found on Philippine Is. stamps and means "Official Business."

Officiel.—Luxemburg.

O. H. H. S.—"On His Highness' Service." Egypt.

Pjon. or *Pjonusta.*—Iceland.

Service de l'Etat.—"Service of the State." Egypt.

Sevicio Interno.—"Internal Service." Guatemala.

S. P.—"Service Publique." *i. e.* Public Service. Luxemburg.

Tjeneste.—Denmark.

Tjenste. Sweden.

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* " Letter Sheet, 2c green, "Grant" uncancelled, Entire	.10	.05
* " Post Office Department 1874, 2c, 3c, 6c, **cut square,** 3 var. unused	.20	.07
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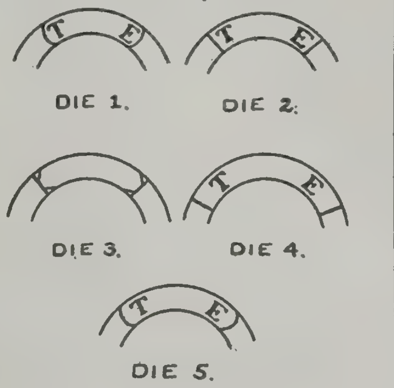
In the first issue of stamped envelopes, which appeared July 1, 1853, there are five well-marked dies which are, perhaps, more familiar to collectors than those of later issues. These are numbered in the catalogues instead of being lettered like the more recent issues—why, I cannot say, for Horner lettered them in his history.



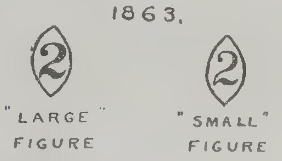
The outline illustrations show the differences between the dies, which are mainly in the lettered labels. Die 1 is often called the "close die," because of the curved ends of the label inclosing THREE coming so close to the initial and final letters. Die 2 is the "narrow, straight" die, the ends of the label being straight and near the word THREE. Die 3 is generally known, as the "K die." It is very similar to the last, but a short, diagonal line has been drawn in each corner of the label, making octagonal ends rather than "K ends." Die 4 is the "wide, straight" die. Not only is the label much wider than any other, but the letters of THREE are much farther apart. The ends are straight like Die 2. Die 5 is the common one, the label being narrow with curved ends which do not come so close to the word as in the case of Die 1.

Of the 6 cent there was but one die like Die 2, but of the 10 cent there were two, the narrow straight, Die 2, and the wide straight, Die 4.

With the issue of 1860, with stars at the sides, there is no difficulty as there is but one die of each value, except the 1 cent. The only difference between the dies of the latter is that Die 1 has a period after POSTAGE, while Die 2 has none, and is slightly larger. Both the 1 cent and the 3 cent however appear with many minor varieties such as have already been alluded to, but which are not important enough to notice here.

In the issue of 1861 there are no die varieties except in the 3-cent value, and these again are of the minor type, though two are distinct enough to have special mention in Mr. Toppan's list. The first one has a broken circle containing the numeral at the left, and the second has a broken circle at the right, which runs into the outside border line of the stamp.

When we reach the 2 cent value of 1863-4, we find a number of differences. The first dies used in 1863 are lettered U. S. POSTAGE, and though there are a number of varieties only two are important enough to list.



The illustration shows the difference between them which is most marked in the figures 2. In February, 1864, new dies appeared of the same general design, but inscribed U. S. POST. above. Again, there are many varieties due to carelessness in engraving, but these are grouped into two divisions following the width of the stamped impressions. These run from 23½ mm. to 26½ mm. The dividing line is taken at 26 mm., and all impressions having this width or over, are assigned to Die 1, while all under 26 mm. are assigned to Die 2.

For the other values of the 1864 issue there are only single dies, except for the 3 cent and 6 cent, which are again only minor.

We now come to the most puzzling of all issues for the majority of collectors. These are the so-called "Reay issue" of 1870, and the "Plimpton issue" of 1874. When G. H. Reay was awarded the con-

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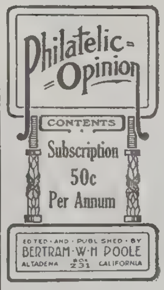
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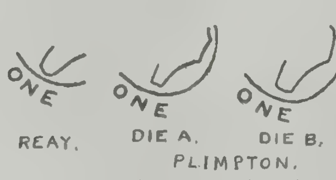
tract for the stamped envelope series of 1870, he produced an artistic and beautifully engraved set of dies in which we find no varieties except a slight difference in the form of Franklin's "choker" on the 1 cent. The contract awarded by the Post-Office Department as most of us know, runs for four years. At the end of this period the Plimpton Manufacturing Company of Hartford, Conn., were the successful competitors. Mr. Reay tried by every means possible to prevent the new parties from carrying out their contract, refusing to deliver the dies to them and even attempting to "buy-up" every competent die sinker that he could obtain. The result was that the Plimpton Company brought out a poorly executed series of copies of the Reay dies, which are readily told from the latter. Some of them were so poor that several attempts were made to improve them, and hence we have a number of dies of these values which were generally those most used and therefore most hurriedly produced in the first place.

There are three general distinguishing features between the two issues; first, the fine engraving and clear printing of the Reay as against the more poorly executed and generally less clear appearance of the Plimpton; second, the horizontal shading lines which appear embossed without color on the numerals, or in the case of the 7 cent on the discs containing them, which are usually quite distinct on the Plimpton dies, but generally hardly noticeable on the Reay dies, and when they are distinct on the latter, seem to be finer than the Plimpton; third, the periods after U and S in the Reay dies are always square, while a majority of the 1, 2 and 3-cent Plimpton dies exhibit periods that are anything but squares.

For other differences between the two issues and the various dies of the Plimpton series we had best take up the issues together, value by value.

1 CENT. 1870; 1874

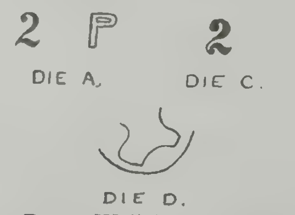


1 cent. *Reay*. Bust evenly placed in oval and end points to N of ONE. All the scallops between the lettering and outer frame have dots in them.

Plimpton Die A. Bust comes to a corner at the back, very close to the frame. Lettering small and scroll-work very poorly done.

—— Die B. Bust evenly placed in oval like Reay, and end points between N and E of ONE. Back line of bust straight.

2 CENT PLIMPTON



2 cent. *Reay*. Well-formed thick numerals in *circles*.

Plimpton Die A. Poorly formed thin numerals in circles; no ball at bottom of 2.

—— Die B. Thick numerals in *ovals;* O in TWO has a solid center of color.

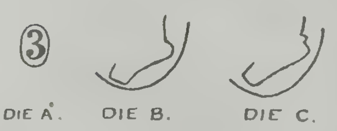
—— Die B2. A variety of B in which the tail of the 2 at the left touches the oval.

—— Die B3. Another variety of B in which the center of the O in TWO has a couple of crossed lines in it.

—— Die C. The tail of the 2 is entirely clear of the down stroke, while in the previous dies it is connected with the down stroke for some distance above the "ball" numerals in ovals. This is the common die of the red 2 cent.

—— Die D. Numerals similar to C, but bust is cut away in a pronounced arc of a small circle, though nearer a quarter-circle than a semicircle as usually described.

3 CENT PLIMPTON



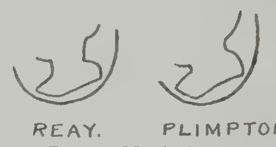
3 cent. *Reay*. Thick numerals in *circles*, (all *ovals* in Plimpton).

Plimpton. Die A. Tall, thin numerals in large ovals; small lettering.

—— Die B. Shorter; thick numerals in smaller ovals; large lettering; base of bust ½ mm. from bottom of frame.

—— Die C. Similar to B but base of bust 1 mm. from frame and knot of queue quite prominent.

6 CENT. 1870; 1874.



6 cent. *Reay*. Neck long at the back.

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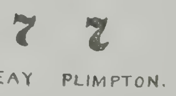
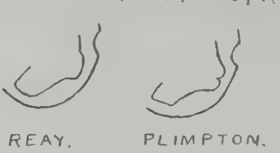
7 CENT. 1870; 1874.



7 cent. *Reay*. The figures 7 do not curve up at the bottom.

Plimpton. The figures have an upward curve at the bottom forming a hook.

10 CENT. 1870·1874.



10 cent. *Reay*. Knot of queue almost unnoticeable.

Plimpton. Die A. Known as the "Booby die." The head is very large, filling up the oval and coming very close to the frame.

—— Die B. Very similar to the Reay die, but the knot of the queue stands out quite prominently.

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* 121	"	2½ on 1sh green	.75	.35
* 230	"	3d green and black	.50	.25
* 231	"	4d chocolate & "	.50	.25
233	"	2sh yellow and "	3.00	1.50
244	"	2sh " " "	.40	.30
245	"	5sh violet " "	1.00	.60
247	"	10sh " " "	2.00	1.10
* 45	Rhodesia(on Cape)	2d bistre	1.00	.50
* 46	" "	4d blue	1.50	.80
* 48	" "	1sh yellow	4.50	2.25
* 49	" "	3d claret	1.50	.80
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* 43	"	8d " " black	1.00	.55
* 44	"	1sh green & orange	1.25	.70
* 46	"	½d lilac & green	.20	.12
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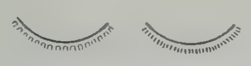
24 CENT. 1870:1874.



REAY. PLIMPTON.

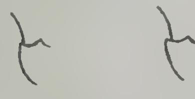
24 cent. *Reay.* Ornaments following border of oval end in little squares.

Plimpton. The ornaments end in lines.

30 cent. *Reay.* A straight edge placed against both bottoms of the labels containing numerals will show them to be parallel.

Plimpton. A straight edge placed in the same manner will show plainly that the labels are not parallel.

90 CENT. 1870:1874.

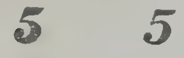


REAY. PLIMPTON.

90 cent. *Reay.* The upper corners of the shields containing the numerals stop practically at the edge of the oval containing the head.

Plimpton. The corners of the shields project noticeably into the oval, making a good hook.

5 CENT. 1875.



DIE A. DIE B.

In 1875 a new value was engraved by the Plimpton Company, viz., 5 cents, which comes in two dies. Their distinctive features is the shape of the numeral which in Die A has a thick "flag," and in Die B a thin one. There is a third intermediate variety of numeral which is not listed in the Standard catalogue.

The Centennial envelopes are known to all. They were struck from two dies, one at the Hartford works of the Plimpton Company and the other in the Government Building at the Exposition. The latter, commonly called the Philadelphia Die, was damaged, and shows a double or split white line beneath POSTAGE, where the Hartford Die shows but a single one.

We have now described the varieties up to the time when letter postage was reduced to 2 cents on Otober 1, 1883. For this event a new 2-cent die was engraved of the same general design as the 3-cent Die B which was in use so long. The large colored letters on the engine turned ground will distinguish it from the succeeding 2-cent dies. It is generally known as the "October Die."

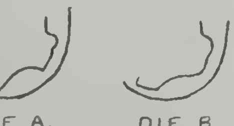
At the same time a 4-cent envelope was issued, but in a much neater and better-engraved design. There are two dies of this, differing mainly in the numerals, those of Die A measuring 2¾ mm. across their widest part, and those of Die B measuring 3¼ mm. The former also comes to a point at the left angle of the left figure 4, while the latter are blunted there.

The 2-cent die was unsatisfactory, and in November a new one appeared of the same general design as the 4 cent. Between the labels containing the lettering and the white frame lines will be found four wavy lines—two next the outer frame line and two next the inner one—which serves as its distinguishing feature. This is called the November die, but it did not prove much better than the previous one. The impressions were printed in red until May, 1884, when the color was changed to a muddy brown. This ink did not print as well and the dies deteriorated under its use much faster than before. The result was that in June the impressions showed the dies had been retouched, the white lines of the design having been thickened and the whole design having a coarse and blotched appearance which is very noticeable—in fact, more resembling the coarse impressions of the next (July) die than the original November die. Some of the differences, however are so marked that they must be ascribed to different dies though they are only listed as varieties of the "June" or "retouched" die, as it is called; yet they are as worthy of being given a "letter" under this design as the different dies of the 2-cent Plimpton, for instance.

There are three of these varieties, viz.: the "Two-link" variety, which has only two diamonds or "links" between the right oval containing the figure and the end of the label beneath, instead of two and a half as in the normal design; the "3½-link" variety, which has this number of diamonds between the left oval and the end of the label above it, instead of 2½ as in the normal design; and the "round-O" variety in which the O in TWO is a perfect circle.

There is one variety known as the "spread die," which seems to be a hybrid between the November and the retouched dies, as the left half of design shows the evidences of retouching in the wider lines and larger figures, while the right half has not been altered.

2 CENT. JULY 1884.

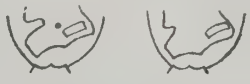


DIE A. DIE B.

In July, 1884, another design appeared, which followed the last one very closely, but is distinguished by having only *one* wavy line between the inscribed labels and the white frame lines. The white lines of the design are also heavier than the November (1883) die which is the reason the retouched (June) die somewhat resembles it. This is known as the "Kellogg Die," and it became very familiar and very monotonous to us all during its thirteen years of service. There are two varieties, Die A having the bust come to a point below the queue and Die B having it rounded off there, which makes the bust a little thicker at the back.

We now come to the issue of 1887, in which the uniform design, adopted for the four common values, is known as the "Tiffany Die." In the 1 cent there are two well-marked dies, which are not noted in the Standard catalogue, as well as several minor varieties. These two dies are distinguished A, by a larger bust inclined forward, no cross-bar on G of POSTAGE, and the side ornaments 4½ mm. long; B, by a smaller but more upright, G has the cross-bar, and the ornaments only 3 mm. long. The latter is the common one.

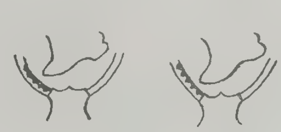
5 CENT. 1887.



DIE A DIE B.

The 2 cents also has two well-marked dies. Die A, commonly known as the "rejected die," has the point of the bust directed toward the *third* white tooth of the inner serrated line. (In the drawing the teeth are represented in black, for the drawing shows the *design* and the latter is given by the *white* lines in the solid color of the stamped impression.) There is no cross-bar to the G of POSTAGE. Die B has the point of the bust directed toward the *second* white tooth of the inner serrated line, which does not tilt the head back as before, and the G now has a cross-bar. There are several minor varieties, but the most noticeable is perhaps the "capped 2" variety, where the figure has a white cap very similar to that found on the capped varieties of the 2-cent adhesive of 1890.

2 CENT. 1887.



DIE A DIE B.

The 5-cent had but one die until 1894 when Purcell of Holyoke, had the contract. A new die then appeared which was distinguished from the previous one bv the fact that there appeared to be no neck to the bust in front. Die A shows the neck between the coat and the chin, and also a button on the lapel in front of the shoulder strap. Die B has no button, and the coat comes directly up to the chin. This is called the "Holyoke Die."

In the meantime the Columbian series was issued, and in this design we find four varieties, though they are not listed in the Standard catalogue. As they are quite plain we give them in case any one is interested:

Var. 1. Period after CENTS; meridian back of Columbus' head.

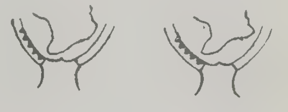
Var. 2. Period after CENTS; no meridian back of Columbus' head.

Var. 3. No period after CENTS; meridian back of Columbus' head.

Var. 4. No period after CENTS; no meridian back of Columbus' head.

The 1-cent occurs in varieties 1, 2, 3; the 2-cent and 5-cent in all four varieties; the 10-cent in variety 3 only.

2 CENT. 1899.



DIE A. DIE B.

We now come to the current issue, which made its appearance in 1899. In the 2-cent value we again find a "rejected die." This time instead of being tipped too far back, the bust was tipped forward, so that in Die A the point of the bust comes down almost to the left upper corner of the shield containing the figure. In Die B the point of the bust is sharper and is directed between the first and second white teeth of the inner serrated line. (See remarks concerning the drawing under the 2-cent of 1887.)

The 4-cents has three dies which can be as well described as illustrated. Die A has a long, thin neck, with the "Adam's apple" showing; there is no draping in the bust, which ends in a point. Die B has a shorter, thicker neck, with no "Adam's apple," and the bust has draping on it with something in front resembling a necktie; the bust is not pointed, but blunt. Die C is unmistakable, as the head is large instead of quite small as in the other two, and there is *no* inner serrated line at all, thus departing from the original design.

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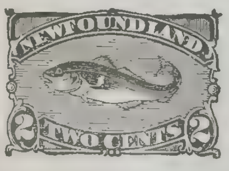

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The local club was organized in 1911 with eight members. At the present time there are fifty-one members. The committee in charge comprised the officers of the club, as follows: A. C. Roessler, president; H. A. Henckel, vice-president; D. B. Crockett, secretary; H. E. Planck, treasurer; E. S. Allen, sales manager.

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Dec. 17, 19.—Wolsieffer's 123rd sale, at the Collectors' Club, N. Y. City, being a further lot from the big property of which a four days' sale was held in April.

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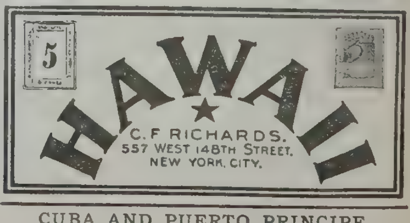
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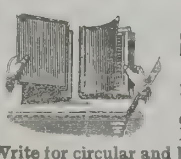

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EDITORIAL.

Moving Along—Our Christmas suggestions have not fallen on barren ground and the Christmas hamper idea bids fair to be put in joyous operation. If the plan of a cornucopia of philatelic tid-bits is worked out in a practical way, as there is every likelihood it will be, a distinct benefit will be conferred on philately and the gift question will be happily solved for those adults who give remembrances to the young folks. We shall reflect each week, the progress that is made in this work of promotion of Christmas cheer. The "shut-in" suggestion has been received as the political editor would say with the "wildest demonstrations of approval" and even now is certain of successful consummation. Already, we can assure a few "shut-ins" who like stamps that the big outside world is not too busy to give them kind thought during the bustle of Christmas preparation. We want more names of "shut-ins" who like stamps out of all proportion to the number that they have and more names of readers who are willing to send a packet or a philatelic something to one or more of those afflicted persons who cannot compete for stamps in the way that the healthy, active collector can. Before the names of "shut-ins" are given us, we ask that the senders assure themselves that all is in good faith, as obviously, we cannot undertake to investigate each case. The editor, C. E. Severn, 721 Oxford Building, Chicago, has this feature in charge and the names of those who ask and of those who give should be sent to him.

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A Start—Our roll of fame has been begun and two names lead all the rest; and by next week, we hope that many additions will be possible. For well over eleven hundred weeks or since January 7th, 1891, Volume I, Number 1, these two gentlemen have subscribed for our paper: C. B. Duffy, Columbus, Ohio and W. C. Stone, Springfield, Mass. Mr. Duffy, the collecting caliph of Columbus says: "I have been a subscriber since the first issue and have about four years coming." Mr. Stone, the stamp sage of Springfield says: "I have taken the WEEKLY from the beginning and purpose to keep it up as long as Providence will permit. My file is bound and in constant use." Mr. A. J. Bickel, Goshen, Indiana, writes: "I was a subscriber to your paper from 1891 to 1906, when I stopped collecting until two years since when I again subscribed. As long as I collect I shall take the WEEKLY." In his boyhood days, Mr. Bickel published the *Indiana Philatelist.*

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After Them—What has become of the old-fashioned collector who saved the election "pasters" for use, when cut in half, as hinges? Has he taken as a partner the o. f. c. who would gaze rapturously, almost by the hour, at the frame containing samples of all the United States stamped envelopes, one to ninety-cents, that was on the wall of some of the post-offices? What has become of the old-fashioned dealer who delighted to tell how the stamps of Brazil boomed in 1876, when Dom Pedro visited Philadelphia on the occasion of the opening exercises at the Centennial? Has he found a congenial *vis-a-vis* in the o. f. d. who called Tasmania, in describing the contents of a stamp packet, Van Diemensland?

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More to Come—Sinpod, the stamp sage, says that he has run to cover a collector who never applies for approval selections without sending a money deposit: A collector who received for his collection that he sold to a dealer much more than he thought it would bring: A philatelist who has never thinned an o. g. specimen and a young collector who never thought of going into the stamp business.

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We Have Our Idea—Another problem of conduct is presented for solution by our readers who excel as arbiters in difficulties that beset those who tread in the circles of the highest and most exclusive philatelic society. "A touchy dealer who was very independent about even showing his stamps of which he had a splendid stock sold an August ten-cent, 1861, to a customer in the belief that it was the ordinary type. The dealer, who, as has been said, would brook no controversy or opposition when his philatelic acumen, which he thought was absolutely unquestionable, was at stake, would resent his mistake being pointed out, even though to have rectified it would have redounded to his benefit. Is the collector who profited by the transaction justified in keeping the stamp and his silence?" Let us leave the young people to themselves.

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Frost—It may be recorded with sadness and it is reported with truth that the reception that the new ten-cent registry stamp is receiving would make an Eskimo igloo a hot-house by comparison. If the veracious postal clerks are to be believed, the intelligent American public will not use the distinctive stamp; even the eagle's screech falls on ears deaf to patriotic appeal. At some of the offices the clerks say frankly that the public uses the stamp in every way but the right one and for that reason they do not handle the stamps. What has become of the collector who in years gone by advocated the issue of a special registry stamp? The indications are that the registry stamp will follow the lead of the letter-sheet.

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Fie—"What has become of the o. f. c. whose hands were so adhesive that a good stamp or two stuck to them every time he looked at my collection when I was not present, although at the time I never suspected in my innocence that he stole them?" queries a reader. Perhaps, he has joined the renegade who was so jealous a scamp that he would slyly tear a piece out of a stamp that the neighbor boy had but which he lacked, when the opportunity offered.

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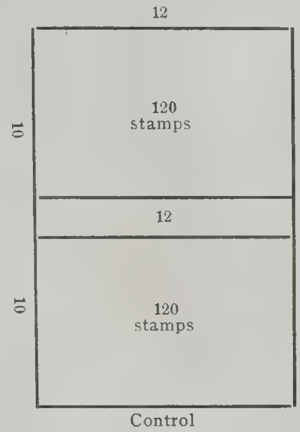
As an attraction the Factory drew many thousands of visitors who would probably never have visited a purely philatelic display of stamp collections. But we estimate its value more as an educational benefit to the thousands of actual students of stamps who were able to learn and appreciate technical details of the production of stamps, a lesson which to many of those students should be of lasting benefit in the serious work of philately. If the demonstration revealed something of the complexity and difficulty in the way of producing fine typographical stamps to a wider circle than the strictly philatelic element present at the Exhibition it will have done an excellent public service over and above what the organisers sought to provide. That printers from all over the country, and notably the leading stamp-printers, and printers' mechanicians visited the display and found much to interest them is a testimony to the thoroughness and the skill expended by the various firms taking part in this harmoniously co-operative stamp factory.

But the test of the success of the Model Stamp Factory lies not so much in the enormous attendance it attracted, nor in the lessons the enterprise undoubtedly taught. The public may like to see "the wheels go round" in any process of manufacture; and lessons may be learned from failures often better than successes. In our opinion the real test of the success of the Model Stamp Factory lies in the excellence of the work it produced day by day, to the extent of many thousands of perfect sheets of the Ideal Stamp.

The plates were a novelty and surprise to most of the skilled printing experts who visited the Exhibition. They were not produced from a hand-engraved die, nor was the original multiplied by any electrotyping process. Yet each stamp on each plate was a perfect replica of the first picture, indeed, as the inventors of the process claim, every unit on the plate is an original. The large plate for typographical printing was composed of two panes of 120 stamps, arranged in the manner of the plates used for the British postage stamps thus:



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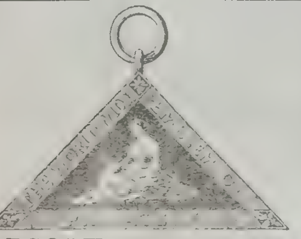

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—Herman W. Boers sends us a clipping from the Detroit *Free Press* giving the particulars of the promotion of R. E. Smith to be assistant cashier of the Old Detroit National Bank. Mr. Smith has been with this bank about eighteen years having worked his way through practically all departments to his new position. He is the sales manager of the Detroit Philatelic Society.

—*Charlat's Advertiser* for December is before us. It is a bright, newsy sheet and Mr. Charlat's advertisement elsewhere will no doubt make a goodly demand for this enterprising house organ.

—August Mack of Scranton, Pa., desires space in the WEEKLY to say that he greatly regrets the report that has been circulated in N. Y. City as to his reliability. We quote from his card as follows:—"A man is not dishonest simply because he is unable to meet bills as promptly as he might wish. Particulars will be given in the December number of my magazine." We might add that no complaint has been filed with the WEEKLY in respect to Mr. Mack's obligations.

—The Cresent Co. advertises a universal collectors' pin, as will be seen elsewhere in this issue. It is gotten up in sterling silver and is beautifully colored. This offer will no doubt interest many of our readers.

—J. E. Handshaw, the well known dealer, has been in the Ross Sanitarium, Brentwood, L. I., where he underwent a serious surgical operation. Mr. Handshaw writes that it appears to have been successful and he will spend a short time in North Woodbridge, Ct., convalescing.

—We feel complimented in the fact that L. S. Charlick's *Monthly Circular* thinks enough of the WEEKLY to reprint some of Mr. Poole's matter from a recent number of our publication. The *Circular* is a house organ of more than ordinary interest and its scheme of giving premiums will be of moment to our readers. Note advertisement elsewhere.

—James C. Graves, manager of the Providence Stamp Co., has removed to 160 W. 65 St., N. Y. City. Delay in answering correspondence may be attributed to the change. The company expects to continue in business from the new address though under a new name.

—H. S. Powell, the packet dealer, has been seriously ill during the past three weeks. He is now on the mending hand and hopes to be able to attend promptly to the business of the firm.

—The next meeting of the Suburban Stamp and Curio Club will be held at the home of A. W. Wright, 37 Norton St., Dorchester. This meeting may be the last opportunity to enroll as a charter member. Notice of intention to join will be accepted by writing to Dr. C. C. Thompson, Sec., 76 Poplar St., Roslindale. All Boston and suburban collectors are invited.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from:—A. L. Tomes, C. E. Nickles, J. Rausch, T. C. Keyes, A. P. S. 3553, R. E. Jessup (2), Walter S. Wilmot, Geo. H. Sleeper, Wm. Evans, Herman W. Boers (5), Copley Stamp Co., Hugo Kuenstler (2), F. R. Hayworth, A. Steinberg, R. G. Montgomery (3), A. C. Roessler, Frank E. Smith, F. C. De Puy, Laurence P. Dodge, W. C. Bartlett.

—Ralph H. Graham, Windsor, N.S., sends us no less than 73 stamp clippings all dated within the past six months. It is a notable collection.

2000 all diff. STRAIGHT var. perfect Br. Col. postage stamps mounted with the best of peelable hinges in four books. When you consider 2000 all diff. **straight** var. you will realize that many really **high priced and rare** stamps must be included. **SERIOUS COLLECTORS** who can afford this lot—its a gold mine at our price—buy by all means and "fill in" those blank spaces. 2000 **straight var.** would mean more than "3500 var. Br. Col." Immense value and the price is but.... **$200.00**

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" " 15r Ditto " " "	5.00
Ceylon, King, 1r (will be scarce) " " "	.35
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New Zealand, "King" ½d, 2d, 3d, 4d, 5d, 6d, 8d, 1sh, set of 8	.50
Newfoundland 1910, Litho. "Guy", error, 1c green, **"Nfwfoundland"** (cat. 40sh), each in block of 4 "Mint"	3.50
Ditto, ditto, used cat. 39sh)	2.75
These two latter are most interesting and only a few are now left at the	price.
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D. FIELD, 4 & 5 The Royal Arcade
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Pick Your Country.
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Chile 1911, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 12c	.10
Greece 1891-92, 1 to 25l perf. cat. .14	.05
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*Somali Coast 1903, 1c, 2c, cat. .25	.08
100 So. and Cent. American cat. $2.25	.05

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McCANN can. *

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MRS. L. W. KELLOGG,
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Precancels! TheJohnM.StuartCo.,Paris,Ky.[tf*

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U. S. 1879, 15c	.20	10	$ .80	100	$ 7.50
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U. S. 1898, 6c Mint	.35	10	1.75	100	16.50
Nfld. 1897, 3c Mint	.12	10	.60	100	5.50
Nfld. 897, 4c Mint	.10	10	.65	100	6.00
Nfld. 1897, 5c Mint	.15	10	.75	100	7.00
Nfld. 1898, 2c Mint	.08	10	.35	100	3.25

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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

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100 diff. U. S. Post. & Revenues, only 12c.
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" " No. 3025, ½ orange	.06

Pairs or blocks same rate.

Great Britain No. 28, 1sh green	.40
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New Hebrides (on Fiji), unused, ½d to 1sh, Nos. 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 38, 39,	$2.20
Sierra Leone, Georgian, unused, ½, 1½, 2, 2½, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10d, per set	1.12
Azores (on current Portugal) just out, complete, ¼c to 1 escudo	2.82
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2sh at 56c; 2sh 6d at	.68

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" Off. in China,	11,	"	.10	.04
" " "	13,	"	.25	.09
" Off. in Corea	9,	"	.10	.04
" " "	10,	"	.15	.06
" " "	11,	"	.20	.08
" " "	12,	"	.35	.13
" " "	13,	"	.50	.17
China No.	23,*	"	.20	.07
"	70,	"	.10	.04
"	71,	"	.35	.15
"	72,	"	.50	.22
Ceylon	317, mint	"	1.00	.35
"	321, "	"	2.00	.75
Lagos	17, "	"	1.00	.47
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Spot cash paid for stamps. No limit to my cash purchases. E. C. DODD, LaGrange, Ills.

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30 diff. Foreign Pairs	.20
10 diff. unused Foreign, cat. 43c	.15
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CHRONICLE OF NEW ISSUES AND VARIETIES

Edited by HENRY A. KIDDER.

Information regarding new issues gratefully received. Address HENRY A. KIDDER, Arlington, Mass. Letters calling for a reply should contain a self-addressed stamped envelope. We cannot give addresses of our correspondents. Correspondence regarding precancelled stamps must be sent to FRANK B. ELDREDGE, Attleboro, Mass. Specimens must accompany chronicle, with self-addressed stamped envelope for return of the same. Please note these rules.

UNITED STATES.—J. N. Morse reports having found a current 2c envelope on white, with another, almost whole, stamped, folded and sealed as one envelope inside. The inside one is gummed and outside one without gum.

AUSTRALIA.—The *Australian Stamp Journal* says that there is a persistent rumor that the postal authorities intend to surcharge all the stamps above 1d in value, like the 2d of Victoria, recently surcharged. This will be done, it is said, not only to the stamps of Victoria, but of all the other states as well. This is to be done to reduce the stocks of stamps of the old issues before the appearance of the new stamps.

In line with this probably is the recent issue of the 2d envelope, 2d card and 2d letter card of Western Australia, with "One Penny" in a diagonal surcharge. The 2d letter card of Tasmania has also received the same surcharge.

BAHAMAS.—*Ewen's Weekly* says that specimen copies of the 6d and 1sh Georgian stamps have been seen in the regulation colors.

Adhesives.

6d lilac.
1sh black on green.

BOLIVIA.—*Gibbons Monthly* reports another provisional, the 20c black and lilac of 1901 having been surcharged diagonally in black, "5 Centavos 1911." Only 300 copies were overprinted.

Provisional Adhesive.

5c on 20c black and lilac; surcharge black.

CHILE.—We have already chronicled the new 10c, the portrait being the same as the 5c of 1911, the stamp being a practical reproduction of the 5c, except being in two colors, and of course having different figures of value in the lower corners. Whitfield King & Co. have now shown us three other values of the new series, and we find they are all reproductions of stamps from the previous series, with values and colors changed. The 2c is a reproduction of the previous 1c, the 4c is the same as the previous 3c and the 8c is the same as the previous 10c. It will be noted that the 8c is a new value in the stamps of this country.

Adhesives.

2c bright carmine
4c black brown.
8c slate.

DENMARK.—A new series of stamps is in preparation, with portrait of King Christian X in naval uniform. The values and colors will be the same as the current issue.

FRANCE.—*Maury's Collectionneur* states that the 40c and 50c stamps of the current series have appeared on a satin paper, having a battonnage visible under the glass. In view of the recent issue of counterfeits, it is likely that this paper will be used for all values.

GERMANY.—Mr. Schachne has shown us the 10pf double card with divided face, also a 5pf with divided face. The upper half of left hand space is occupied by a notice of seven lines enclosed in a single lined rectangular frame with broken corners. It seems to be a "Breslau 1913" commemorative. Only the stamp and address lines on the right hand space and the card is larger than ordinary.

Post Cards.

10x10pf carmine on buff; divided face.
5pf green and black on white; divided face, 145x95 mm.

ST. LOUIS 5c No. 23.
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GREAT BRITAIN.—According to Postmaster-General Herbert Samuel, as reported in *Ewen's Weekly,* the Georgian series will consist of 18 denominations and six different designs. Different designs were desirable for administrative reasons. Accordingly it may be assumed that three of the six designs have already been issued, the ½d, the new 1d and the 2d showing the three.

GREECE.—A new series of stamps will be issued as commemorative of the successful war with Turkey. The design will show an eagle holding a viper in its beak and tearing it asunder with its claws.

INDIA.—The *London Philatelist* reports the 5r value of the Georgian set.

Adhesive.

5r violet and bright blue.

JAPAN.—*Offices in China.*—In No. 1131 the 1½s and double were noted. Mr. Morse now has the 4s and double, also the letter card.

Post Cards.

1½s rose on white.
1½x1½s rose on white.
4s lilac brown on buff.
4x4s lilac brown on buff.

Letter Card.

3s violet on brown.

MOROCCO.—A correspondent writes to *Lemaire's Philatelist* regarding the stamps chronicled some time since, showing a minaret and palm under an arch, as follows: "The stamps in question are properly local stamps. They were issued by the Sherifian Administration of Telegraphs, and permitted communications between the following points in Morocco: Fez, (We give the French spellings) Petitjean, Mechra Bel Ksiri, Souk el Arba des beni Aissa, El Ksar, Larache, Arzila, Tonger, Poste du Sebou, Mehedya, Rabat, Casablanca, Meknes, Mogador, Mazagan, Saffi, Azemmour and Marakech. Registered envelopes are allowed. The tariff is the French rate, expressed in the native currency.

PHILIPPINES.—Mr. Schachne has shown us the current 4c post card on blue, a change from buff.

RUSSIA.—*Offices in the Levant.*—Whitfield King & Co. have now shown us the stamps chronicled in No. 1141, and we find that the overprint is in an entirely new type, and is printed horizontally near the top of the stamp. The type used is a medium light face condensed Gothic, and the printing is very finely done. Messrs. King write that the 3½pi value was soon exhausted, as the number issued at Constantinople was small. These new stamps will be on sale only until the first of the year as a new set will then be issued bearing the portrait of the Czar.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—The *Australian Philatelist* reports that 3,000,000 2d stamps had been sent to Melbourne to be overprinted "One Penny."

SWITZERLAND.—The postal authorities will issue stamps of 3, 5 and 10 francs, about January 1. They will be used to prepay postage on newspapers and printed matter within the confines of Switzerland. Singularly enough, Mr. L'Eplattenier will not be called upon to furnish the design for the new stamps, the commission having already been confided to Mr. Grosset of Paris, according to *Maury's Collectioneur.*

TASMANIA.—A large supply of the 2d value has been sent to Melbourne to be surcharged "One Penny."

ARGENTINE 15c No. 10.
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THE BEGINNERS' GUIDE.

REGISTERED LETTER STAMPS.

A special class of stamps issued in connection with the postal system are labels issued for use on Registered letters or parcels. In most civilised countries a registration system is in force under which one can, by paying an addition charge, be assured of a relatively safer conveyance and delivery of a letter and, in case of its loss, compensation can usually be secured. But though registration forms an important part in the postal service of so many countries in but few places have special labels been issued to denote that the registration fee has been paid. Many arguments have been held as to the standing of these labels and it has been asserted that they have no *status* as postage stamps but are only receipts given by the post office to show that the registration charge has been paid. But in some cases there is no doubt that part of the sum indicated by the registration stamp indicates the postal charge as well. In any case they are a small and somewhat unimportant class of labels. The continent of Europe does not provide a single registration stamp; Afghanistan is the only Asiatic country issuing them; in Africa we find Liberia is the only country that has ever troubled to issue these special labels; in America most of the varieties come from the various departments of Colombia, though the United States, Canada, Salvador and Venezuela have also issued them. Australia, New South Wales, Queensland, and Victoria issued these labels many years ago and these are perhaps the most interesting and valuable of all registered letter stamps. As a rule these stamps are easy to distinguish for they bear some word or inscription indicating their special use. Those of Afghanistan can only be identified by comparison with the catalogue illustrations. On the United States label the word is "REGISTRY," on the Canadian and Australian stamps it is "REGISTERED" while on other stamps the following equivalents for the English word are shown:—

A.—(an abbreviation for "Anotacion") This letter is shown on some of the stamps of Colombia.

Anotacion.—This word means "Registered" and is shown on some of the labels issued in Colombia.

Certificado.—This is another form for "Registered" or, more accurately, "Certified," and appears on the stamps of Salvador and Venezuela.

R.—(An abbreviation for "Registro") This letter is prominently shown on some of the stamps of Antioquia, Bolivar, Colombia, Cundinamarca, Panama and Tumaco.

R.—(an abbreviation for "Registered") Shown upon the registration stamps of Liberia.

Recomendada.—This word means, literally, "Recommended," in the sense that the letter is recommended for special care during its journey through the post. It is shown on one of the registration labels of Colombia.

Registro.—This word, meaning "Registered," is shown upon some of the stamps of Antioquia and Cundinamarca.

Rejistro.—Another form for "Registered" used on some of the Registration stamps of Colombia.

SHORT REPLIES.

B. G. (Belmont, N. C.).—The watermark in United States stamps is nearly always very difficult to distinguish. As a rule one letter should appear in each stamp but more often than not portions of two letters can be seen.

E. J. G. (Valley City, N. Dak.).—The book you mention can be obtained from the publishers of the WEEKLY. (2) A perforated stamp is one that has perforations while an unperforated stamp has no perforations. The latter word is not often met with nowadays having been replaced by the more generally used imperforate. (3) The King Edward VII Land stamps were formed by overprinting this inscription on the 1d stamp of New Zealand. (4) Postal Savings Bank stamps as an official issue are of course included in the catalogue.

S. M. R. ((Fayetteville, N. C.).—The illustration of the 6d stamp of Tasmania given as No. A4 in Scott's catalogue is quite unlike the design of the 1s stamps of 1858-64. In the 1s value the design is Octagonal with four short and four long sides, the name and value being in solid letters on an engine turned ground.

E. C. (Reisterstown).—I am afraid I cannot advise you as it is purely a matter for your personal taste and inclination.

A. C. (Santa Cruz).—There have been several varieties of the republic overprint in native characters on the stamp of China. I have no doubt you will find them all detailed in the new issue columns of the WEEKLY if you look through your file for the past three or four months.

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*Unused. Numbers from Yvert-Tellier Champion Catalog.

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C. M. (Des Moines).—I much regret I cannot undertake to answer precancel queries.

H. L. (Wichita).—The minute differences you mention are of no consequence whatever. Such varieties can be found in practically any stamps and the small peculiarities may be confined to only the specimen you have and are caused by some slight imperfection in printing.

C. E. G. (Toronto). As Chinese stamps cannot frank international mail the letter you had from Harbin would have to be franked with the stamps of some other country—a member of the Postal Union—maintaining consular post office there. I believe Russia is the only country maintaining an office at Harbin.

E. S. B. (San Francisco).—The differences in the envelope stamps are simply due to overinking on the part of one of them. The variety is of no philatelic consequence.

V. C. H. (Frankfort, Ind.).—Your stamp is a local but of what country I am not quite sure from your description.

A. B. (Minneapolis).—The stamps of the Central American Steamship Co. are locals.

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30c	5.00	1.00
*90c	12.00	2.50
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5c red brown, nice	3.50	1.75
1868, 5c brown, not centered	5.00	1.50
1869, *6c, fair copy	4.00	1.00
*10c bright, well centered, cor. perf. gone	6.00	1.65
12c green	.90	.45
15c no diamond, good	3.50	1.75
15c with frame, fine	1.50	.95
Same, good average	1.50	.75
24c very fair copy	5.00	1.75
30c fine used	3.50	1.85
30c fair	3.50	1.25
*10c re-issue o. g., nice	12.50	5.25
1871, 12c	.50	.25
24c	1.50	.75
30c	.60	.30
1871, 90c good used copies	1.25	.50
*7c nicely centered	6.00	2.25
1872, *7c o. g. centered S. W. o. g.	8.00	1.75
12c	.50	.25
15c	1.25	.50
30c	.50	.25
90c	2.50	1.50
1878, 90c fine copy	2.00	1.00
1888, 90c purple, fine	1.50	.85
1890, 90c orange	.60	.30
1893, *1.00 o. g. fine	3.00	2.00
*$5.00 o. g. centered n. face	5.00	4.40
1895, $2.00 fine used	—	2.00
$5.00 good used copy	—	2.25
1898, Omaha *1c to 10c o. g.	—	.60
Same used	—	.20
$1.00 o. g. fine	—	1.65
$2.00 o. g. fine, scarce	—	3.75
$2.00 used, fine	—	2.85
1901, Pan American *1 to 10c o. g. complete	—	.55
Same used	—	.18
1907, Jamestown Expo. *1, 2, 5c complete o. g.	—	.14
Same used	—	.06
1909, 50c fine used	—	.15

DEPARTMENTS.

Agriculture *12c yellow, nice	8.00	2.50
Interior 1 to 90c, nice set complete	—	2.20
Justice 1c fine used	1.50	.65
2c fine used	3.00	1.35
3c used	.75	.25
6c	1.00	.50
*15c o. g. fine	6.00	2.90
Navy *6c	—	.30
10c nice used copy	1.75	.80
24c fine used	4.00	1.90
*30c o. g. good	5.00	2.00
Post Office 1 to 90c complete, good	—	2.50
State *1c o. g.	2.50	1.10
*2c	5.00	2.00
2c good used copy	4.00	1.40
*3c o. g.	1.00	.45
*6c o. g. fine	1.00	.50
*7c o. g. fine	3.00	1.40
Treasury 1 to 90c complete, good set	6.40	2.25
24c good copy	3.00	1.40
*7c o. g.	2.50	1.00
War 1 to 90c used set	—	1.60
Periodical *9c o. g.	10.00	2.75
1865, 5c blue	2.50	1.10
Periodicals 1895, 1c to $100 comp. o.g	—	3.00
Dues 30 and 50c brown	2.25	.90
30 and 50c claret	1.40	.70
U. S. Envelope 1857, 1c blue on buff	.75	.20
*4c gr'n on blue & or.buff entire	.80	.38
2c brown, Die B. 3 on amber, fine used copy 31x34 mm.,rare	—	8.50
U. S. Revenues 3c Tel. imperf., fine	2.00	.70
50c Lease imperf.	2.00	.70
50c Probate of Will	2.50	.80
$1.00 Mortgage fine	1.50	.65
$1.60 imperf., nice copy, rare	10.00	3.75
$3.00 Manifest, fine	1.50	.70
$20.00 Conveyance	1.50	.85
Perf. 1c Playing Cards, fair	3.00	1.00
3c Playing Cards, rounded cor.	6.00	1.25
30c Foreign Ex., fine, scarce	1.50	.75
$1.00 Mortgage	3.00	1.40
$1.60 Fine copy	2.00	1.10
$3.50 Fine copy	1.50	.70
$5.00 Mortgage	2.50	1.00
$10.00 Probate, fine	.85	.40
$15.00 blue, nice copy	6.00	2.75
$25.00 red, fine copy	—	2.25
2nd Issue $5.00 blue	.75	.35
$10.00 blue and black, thin spot	3.00	1.00
$25.00 blue and black, small hole, repaired	20.00	5.00
3rd Issue 6c	1.00	.40
$3.00 green and black	1.50	.65
$5.00 red and black	.75	.35
1898 issue $30.00 red, cut	6.00	2.40
$10.00 black	.50	.20
$5.00 on Periodical, reading up	4.00	2.00

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Antigua 1d, No. 6, fine	2.50	1.00
1882, *6d, No. 16, o. g. fine	1.75	.80
Argentine 5c, No. 11	.75	.35
10c, No. 12	1.50	.70
1888, 6c, No. 62	1.00	.40
1858-61, 5c, No. 4, nice used	3.50	1.20
Austria *2g gray green o. g.	—	.90
Austrian Levant 1867, 50sld	.75	.38
*10pi on 1g blue o. g.	1.25	.75
*20pi on 2g carmine	1.50	.95
Azores 1868, 120r, nice copy	2.50	1.20
1881, 50r blue	1.25	.55
1894, 1 to 1000r, fine used at	6.18	2.90
1895, 50r used	1.00	.50
Bahamas 1883, 4 on 6d used, fine	10.00	3.90
Barbadoes *1sh, No. 21, o. g. good.	2.50	1.00
3d, No. 38, very nice for this	4.00	1.90
3d violet, No. 52	2.50	1.10
4d, No. 47	1.50	.75
4d, No. 53, fine	1.25	.45
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1892, 1f to 2s 6d, comp. used	4.15	1.85
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*50c on 1sh, No. 31 o. g.	3.00	1.35
Canada 6d, No. 2 close at s. e.	8.00	3.00
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10c, No. 16, shades	1.00	.50
12½c, No. 19	—	.35
17c, No. 20, good average	1.25	.75
1868, *12½c blue, fine, no gum	3.00	1.00
1870, 3c laid paper off center	4.50	1.25
1897, *6c o. g.	1.00	.45
$1.00 o. g. fine	2.00	1.35
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1903, Quebec, ½-20, nice used set	—	.70
Cape of G. Hope, 6d, No. 5, good	5.00	2.00
1sh, No. 6, close but good	5.00	2.00
1d, No. 12, good average	4.00	1.50
*5sh, No. 56 o. g.	3.50	2.00
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*2R 25c, No. 163, o. g.	3.00	1.75
China 1878, 1, 3, 5c used or unused	—	1.35
Congo Free State *1fr,No.18, o.g. fine	.65	.35
*5fr, No. 19, o. g. fine	2.25	1.50
*5fr gray, No. 12, off centre	2.50	1.00
Corea *50c, No. 31, o. g.	1.00	.65
*1wn, No. 32, o. g. scarce	2.50	1.50
Cuba 1870, 5c nice used	—	1.35
1898, *2p o. g.	—	1.45
Danish W. I. *3c, No. 1	4.00	1.50
3c perf. No. 3, fine	2.50	1.10
*14c perf. cut at top, nice	14.00	5.50
Denmark 16s rouletted crease	5.00	1.65
Egypt 10pi, No.6, fairly good copy	11.00	4.00
Falkland Is. *1d, No. 1	6.50	2.50
*2sh 6d & 5sh Queen o. g., fine.	—	5.50
Finland *5 & 10m, Nos. 44 & 45 o. g. fine	—	4.00
France 10c bistre, No. 10	2.50	1.00
Germany, 1900, 5m	2.00	1.25
German Levant 1884, 10 & 20pa	3.25	1.20
Gold Coast 1d on 6d, fine used	3.00	1.50
Great Britain 10sh blue, No. 109	1.25	.75
9d, No. 106, nice used	2.50	1.00
Greece 1896, Olyp. Games, *10dr,og.	—	2.25
Gambia 1887, *½ to 1sh o. g. set	—	1.50
Hawaii 5c, No. 9	8.00	2.75
*2c, No. 29	4.00	1.50
15c, No. 41	2.50	1.20
*25c, No. 47, o. g. fine	3.50	1.50
*50c, No. 48, o. g.	8.00	3.25
*12, No. 46, o. g. fine	2.25	1.00
*12c red surcharge, No.63, o.g.	5.00	2.50
Heligoland, *1 mark, No.22o.g. fine	—	1.75
*5 mark, No. 23, o. g. fine	4.00	2.50
Hong Kong *14c on 36,No.47 o.g.fine	2.50	1.35
Same used	1.50	.90
Hungary 1871, 15k No. 5, above av.	2.50	1.15
Iceland *2s, No. 1, average	3.25	1.10
Labuan *2c on 8c, No. 29, o. g.	—	.30
Jamaica 1875, *5sh o. g.	4.00	2.00
New Brunswick, 3d, No. 1	4.50	2.25
6d, No. 2, nice copy	20.00	6.75
1860, *1c to 17c, Nos. 6 to 11	2.10	.80
New Foundland *3d o. g.	2.00	1.00
*5d, No. 19, o. g.	2.00	1.00
5c brown, slight tear	5.50	2.00
5c black used	3.50	1.50
Cabot Set 1 to 60c, used	—	2.25
New Zealand 1898, *5sh o. g. fine	4.00	2.00
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1	1847, 10c on original cover, badly clipped at r.	$5.00
2	1851, 10c on orig. cover, nice copy.	1.25
3	1861, 3c pink on cover, damaged	7.50
4	1847, 5c average, can. a bit heavy	1.50
5	1847, 10c red can., rep., looks fine	5.00
6	1851, 10c good used copy	1.25
7	1861, 5c red brown, fair copy	3.50
8	1869, 10c fine used copy	.85
9	1869, 12c fine used copy	.90
10	1869, 15c fine used copy	1.50
11	1869, 30c fair used copy	3.50
12	1871, 90c used	1.25
13	1873, 7c fine used	.75
14	1888, 90c nice used	1.50
15	1890, *90c orange, o. g., very nice	2.00
16	1898, Omahas, *1 to 10c o. g. prs. and plate nos.	2.40
17	1902, *1 & 2c imperf. blocks of 4 ea.	—
18	1908, *1 & 2c o. g. blocks of 4,bluish	—
19	1909, *2c Lincoln, block of 4, bluish	1.00
20	1908-9, *1, 2, 2c Lincoln, bluish pa.	.50
21	Agriculture *1c cen. e. fair	3.50
22	10c heavy cancelled	4.50
23	Executive 1c Specimen	—
24	Interior 90c fine used	2.50
25	Justice 6c fine used	1.00
26	U. S. P. O. Complete	6.50
27	State *1c o. g. thin spot	2.50
28	2c used, nice copy	4.00
29	Navy *15c o. g. average	3.00
30	P. O. *15c o. g.	1.50
31	Treasury Set complete used	6.40
32	U. S. Postage 25 vars.	10.00
33	U. S. Dept. 10 vars.	4.50
34	U. S. Rev. Imper. $1.00 Mort., fine	1.50
35	$1.00 Lease, good	2.00
36	3c Playing Cards, repaired	6.00
37	$1.90 Good average copy	1.00
38	1.60c	2.00
39	$2.00 Probate of Will, fine	1.00
40	$3.50 fine copy	1.50
41	$10.00 Probate of Will	.85
42	40 var. Rev.	over 10.00

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43	Antigua 6d, No. 7, fine	1.25
44	1d, No. 3, fine	1.25
45	Argentine 5c, No. 11, fine	.85
46	25 var.	3.50
47	Austrian Italy 1867 25 & 50c	1.15
48	Lombardy Venice 1850, 10c fine	—
49	Azores 1895, 50r (St. Anthony set)	1.00
50	Barbadoes 4d, No. 53, 2 shades, fine	2.50
51	*6d, No. 55, fine	2.50
52	3d, No. 52, good used	2.50
53	*3d, No. 63a, o. g. (lilac)	2.50
54	Bavaria *1kr, No. 5; 1kr, No.9,unused	.90
55	*2m orange o. g., No. 45	1.25
56	3kr Unpaid, No. 101, fairly good.	1.50
57	Brazil 1850, 300r, fine	1.50
58	1878, 10 to 1000r, except 700	3.03
59	Br. Guiana 1866, 24c, No. 68, good.	1.25
60	1889, *96c o. g., fine	—
61	Br.Honduras *20c on 6d o. g. No. 24	1.00
62	Bulgaria *3 on 10c, No. 21a, scarce	2.00
63	Canada 1859, 10c two shades, good.	2.00
64	1892, *20 & 50c o. g., face	.70
65	1908, Quebec, *½ block of 50	2.00
66	1908, Quebec, ½ to 20 comp. fine	1.22
67	Canal Zone on U.S. *1 to 10c set o.g	2.55
68	Cape of Good Hope, 6d, No. 5, good	5.00
69	4d, No. 4, fine copy	.75
70	Ceylon 1d blue, No. 3	1.25
71	5d, No. 20, fine	1.75
72	*½ lilac, No. 45, fine	1.75
73	Chili 1c, No.11, nice postally used	2.50
74	Crete *20r, No. 9, o. g., fine	1.00
75	1901, *2dr o. g.(Gibbons $4.50)	2.00
76	Cuba *1p carmine, No. 62, fine	1.50
77	Cyprus, *½d, No. 1, o. g.	2.50
78	*1d, No. 12 o. g.	2.50
79	Danish W. I. 3c, No. 1	4.00
80	Ecuador 10 on 50c, No. 18, few perf. clipped	3.00
81	Egypt 20pa, No. 3, fair	3.00
82	Fiji 4d on 2d, No. 43	1.25
83	France 25c, No.17, nice copy, scarce	1.00
84	Great Britain 2d, No. 5, fine	1.25
85	8d, No. 71, fine	1.25
86	Hawaii 15c, No. 41	2.50
87	*12c, No. 46, o. g., fine	2.25
88	Hayti 1902,2c Unpaid red sur. o.g.,fine	3.00
89	Hong K. *2c dull rose,No.30, o.g.,fine	1.25
90	Iceland *20, No. 13, o. g., fine	1.00
91	India *1r gray, No. 43, o. g.	1.25
92	Lagos 2d CA, fine used copy	3.50
93	3d CA, fine used copy	2.50
94	*1sh o. g., fine	1.00
95	Luxemburg 1g, No. 2, fine	1.25
96	Malta 5sh rose, fine used	1.60
97	Mauritius *50c orange,No. 75, o.g.,fine	1.75
98	*36c orange, No. 95	—
99	New Brunswick 1,2,5,10,12½,17c all*	2.22
100	New Foundland 10c, No. 26, good.	2.00
101	New South Wales, 3d, No. 25	1.50
102	Netherlands 1875, 2½g, fine	1.00
103	1867, 5 to 25c, nice copies	1.50
104	Nova Scotia 3d blue, fine	2.00
105	New Zealand *5d, No. 77a, o.g.,fine	3.50
106	Nicaragua *5 peso, No.133, o.g., fine	3.50
107	Norway 12o, No. 38, scarce	1.25
108	Nyassa 1901, *2½ to 300r o. g.	—
109	Panama 1892, 1 peso	1.00
110	Portugal 1000r black, No. 62, fine.	1.25
111	Pr. Edward Is. *4½d	1.50
112	Rhodesia *3sh, No. 22, o. g.	2.50
113	St. Helena 1sh, No. 32	3.50
114	St. Vincent 1d black, No. 13	1.25
115	½, No. 35, perf. 12	2.00
116	*1sh, No. 55, o. g., fine	1.00
117	*5 on 6d o. g.	1.00
118	Seychelles *1r o. g., fine	1.50
119	Surinam 2½g on 2½, No. 43, fine	1.25
120	Tasmania 1855, 4d, nice copy	1.25
121	Two Sicilies 1859, ½g orange, good	6.00
122	2g, No. 13, fine	.60
123	Uruguay, 1 peso lilac, No. 82	1.25
124	*50c o. g., fine	1.00
125	Victoria 5sh, No. 125, good	2.50

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CHAPTER XIX.

6 Cents, Issue of 1869.

The history and characteristics of this stamp may be told in very few words. There is very little out of the ordinary which will worry or confuse the average collector, and when every known variety has been mounted, there will be not more than a page or two in the album devoted to this 6 cents issue of 1869.

Like most of the stamps of the series this one is usually poorly centered and oftentimes made uncollectible by reason of heavy cancellation. When the collector has secured a used copy which is well centered, lightly cancelled, and possesses no faults, I am certain that he is justified in asking full catalog price for it—if, indeed, he wants to dispose of it. Where one copy is really fine there are probably 100 not fine, or even good. In fact, I believe that some day dealers will carefully assort their stamps according to condition, and will ask and receive a good round price for stamps which can truthfully be called perfect specimens.

The stamp under consideration was issued to the public about the first of May, 1869, and remained in use not quite one year. It is found in four true shades—pale ultramarine, deep ultramarine, blue and dull blue. I have a copy which has a shade of blue bordering upon purplish, distinct from anything else in my collection or duplicates and a peroxide bath has no effect upon it.

The stamp was printed from two plates—numbers 13 and 14. I have not been able to find any plate varieties or other characteristics existing in the engraving. So far as my library shows if varieties exist no publicity has been given to the discoveries.

There are three sizes of grilles, as follows:

Size.	*Points.*
9x9½	12x12
9x9	12x11
8½x9	11x11

The catalogs and books of history are silent upon the existence of the stamp really and truly issued without grille. It is possible that a sheet or two might have missed passing through the grilling rolls. Unless a block or several adhering stamps were furnished, unused, and with full original gum, I should not accept a copy as not having a grille.

About the usual run of cancellations are found. I have a green, red, claret, red and black in combination, black, pen-struck, two forms of Paid, and perhaps others which I have not remembered.

It seems reasonable to suppose that the stamp might have been bisected, and half used as three cents, but I have not heard of such "splitting" having occurred.

The stamp was reprinted by the Continental Bank Note Co., the order having been given to the printers on Aug. 26, 1874. The color of this reprint is ultramarine and is, of course, without grille. Of these reprints there were issued 10,000 and only 2,226 were sold. The balance were turned back to the department and destroyed.

These reprints can be identified by the color and texture of the paper. The paper is the peculiar white, hard paper used for these reprints. I have seen true reprints with white gum, proving that the order that the stamps were to be ungummed was not observed.

In making up a check list of collectible kinds and things in this stamp I would say:

Four shades.
Three sized grilles.
Unused.
Pair, strip or block—all if possible.
Various cancellations.
Reprint.
Proof on India paper.
Proof on cardboard.
Other things if they can be properly identified and vouched for as genuine.

CHAPTER XX.

10 Cents, Issue of 1869.

To the mind of the writer there is no handsomer stamp printed in a single color than the 10 cents 1869; and perhaps no stamp is harder to secure in fine condition. Owing to the color—a beautiful orange—and the fact that it takes the ink splendidly the cancellations are reminders of a bootblack's daub. Most of them were liberally at-

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These stamps, like the 6c, began appearing about the first of May, 1869, and were withdrawn with the entire issue when superseded by the issue of 1870. They were thus in use a little less than twelve months.

Mr. Luff, in his work upon the stamps of the United States gives three shades for this stamp—yellow orange, orange, deep orange. I believe that reddish orange should be added to this classification.

Printing was done from two plates—numbers 15 and 16. The total number issued (not necessarily used) was 3,299,700.

Three sizes of grilles are found—to date—as follows:

Size.	*Points.*
9x9½	12x12
9x9	12x11
8½x9	11x11

Usually the grilles were points down—looking from the face of the stamp. I have one which shows points up. I do not know if this is very rare, or not.

Like the stamps which have been reviewed in this issue, plate and line varieties, if they exist, have been carefully concealed.

Colored cancellations are not infrequent, and a combination of black and red is frequently met with. Green naturally would be somewhat scarcer. I have not seen one with Paid cancellation, although I am certain they exist and in considerable numbers, too.

There is one noticeable fact about this stamp, as well as others which have been reviewed before, and which I forgot to mention. There are at least two degrees of thickness in the papers. The thinner paper seems to have been closer wove than the heavier stock.

This stamp was easily oxidized, and some odd shades are frequently met with. These shades disappear with the application of peroxide, proving that it was not the ink alone which caused the difference.

In 1874 the 10 cents was reprinted, in common with the other denominations. These reprints are in a shade of pale orange, without grille, gummed and not gummed, on very white thin paper. The reprints were printed from plate 15. There were issued 10,000 copies, of which 1,947 were sold by the postal department. The balance was destroyed.

The same check list given for the 6 cents is suggested for the 10. Until some collectible variety is shown, other than mentioned, I can learn of nothing new to add.

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If this is true, would the laid effect be found equally as marked up to the very margin of the paper, as is the case in some issues? Is it not more likely that the laid paper effect was caused by the stopping of the paper making machinery while the thin pulp was traveling upon its way to completion, and thus left the marks of the supporting fabric impressed into the paper indelibly?

However that may be it is not my purpose to argue what the cause might be, but for the effect which is present.

If this laid paper effect was caused from accident why should that be a bar to its collectibility and cataloguableness—to coin a new word? Sheets of stamps have been printed in two colors, with part of the design inverted. That was wholly an accident. But that accident causes the stamp to rise in value many hundred fold.

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The stamps with inverted centers are catalogued; the unperforated specimens ditto, notwithstanding that the makers never intended that they should be thus. Accident or design should cut no figure in the decision. When a stamp is found which shows under the most trying tests like that of the benzine cup that the paper has the laid effect, entirely different from the normal kind, then I say it should very properly be given a place in the collection and in the catalog.

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FRANK E. GOODWIN.

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OFFICIAL NOTICE.

Panama-Pacific Commemorative Postage Stamps.

Office of Third Asst. P. M. Gen.
Washington, Nov. 21, 1912.

1. Postmasters and others in the postal service are notified that the Department is about to issue a special series of postage stamps known as the Panama-Pacific commemorative stamps.

Description.

2. These stamps measure about ¾ by 1 1-16 inches, the long dimension being horizontal. At the top appear the words "U. S. Postage" and "San Francisco, 1915." In the left-hand border is a branch of laurel and in the right-hand border a palm branch. A numeral expressing the denomination is shown within a circle in each lower corner, with the word "cents" between.

The 1 cent stamp is green, and in the center appears within a circle, a bust of Balboa, discoverer of the Pacific Ocean, looking to the left and wearing a cuirass and a helmet with a plume. On either side of the background are palm trees, with the ocean in the foreground. Below the portrait, in a horizontal panel breaking the circle, are the words "Balboa, 1513."

The 2 cent stamp is red. It represents the Gatun locks of the Panama Canal, with a merchant steamer emerging from one lock and a warship in the other. The mountains of the isthmus appear in the distance and palm trees on the right-hand side of the locks. Beneath the picture are the words "Gatun Locks."

The 5 cent stamp is blue and presents the Golden Gate of San Francisco harbor, with the setting sun in the background and a steamer and sailing vessel in the bay. The words "Golden Gate" appear below the picture.

The 10 cent stamp is dark yellow. The subject is "Discovery of San Francisco Bay," from a painting which represents the discovering party looking out upon the distant bay.

Requisitions.

3. Postmasters desiring a supply of Panama-Pacific stamps will make requisition upon the Third Assistant Postmaster General, Division of Stamps, using the blank spaces on Form 3201 and writing "Panama stamps" plainly opposite the items. The Panama-Pacific stamps will be issued in sheets of 70, and requisitions should be drawn for 70 or a multiple of 70 stamps of each denomination desired.

4. A supply of any other variety of ordinary stamps, due stamps, stamp books, postal cards or stamped envelopes likely to be needed soon should be included in the requisition, thus avoiding frequent requisitions. See the 1912 Postal Guide, page 31, paragraph 4.

5. The Department will not expedite requisitions for the Panama-Pacific stamps. They will probably be shipped within a week after receipt of requisition, unless requisitions should be so numerous as to cause delay. Postmasters should so time their requisitions as to avoid shipments during the holiday congestion of the mails.

6. The value of Panama-Pacific stamps handled must be included in postmasters' quarterly stamp accounts.

7. The Postmaster General has directed that the Panama-Pacific stamps shall be sold beginning January 1, 1913, and postmasters who receive them earlier must not place them on sale before that date. The Panama-Pacific stamps are not to be sold to the exclusion of stamps of the regular issue. Either commemorative or ordinary stamps should be supplied, as preferred by purchasers.

James J. Britt,
Third Asst. P. M. Gen.

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AEROPLANE CANCELLATIONS.

By Arthur T. Browne, B. P. S. No. 543.

No. 12.—Galveston, Texas.

The twelfth aeroplane cancellation was used at Galveston, Texas, on March 17, 1912. Through the kindness of George F. Weston, publicity agent of the Galveston Commercial Association, the following information was given me.

The service was in use but one day and the aerial mail man, aviator Paul Studensky, carried mail for a distance of nine miles. From a special postoffice on the field, Studensky flew to Texas City Junction, carrying 2700 pieces of mail matter. At Texas City Junction he dropped the sack of mail which was taken by rail to Houston, Texas.

The aeroplane cancellation was in black.

Mr. Weston's description of the aero mail service is as follows:—

That the air is a practical route, and that an Aero mail service is a possibility, was clearly demonstrated by the Aero club of Galveston, Texas, during a recent meet held in that city.

On March 17th, this year, Aviator Paul Studensky received from the hands of Postmaster H. A. Griffin a pouch of United States mail regularly recorded, sealed and stamped with the stamps cancelled with a specially prepared stamp and delivered said mail after a flight of thirty miles over water and land to representatives of the United States Postoffice where it was placed on board a regular mail train and from that point sent through regular channels to a dozen or more states of the Union and to Canada and to cities of Europe.

The special event of the aero meet was arranged by officials of the Galveston Commercial Association, who secured the co-operation of Postmaster Griffin for the establishment at the aviation grounds of a temporary postoffice. In charge of this postoffice was Mr. Shirley C. Forsgard, a clerk in the Galveston office who took with him to the grounds a specially prepared cancelling stamp bearing the words

Galveston Texas,
U. S. Aerial Mail
March 17th 1912

Galveston Tex
March 17
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Notice of the event had been published in the local papers of Galveston and there was on hand at the hour of the meet a large gathering of enthusiasts who took advantage of the temporary postoffice to write and mail several hundred letters and postal cards to friends, newspapers and magazines throughout the country.

Regular hours of opening and closing the "Aerial mail" had been established, and the matter received was placed in a pouch and at the hour set for the start, 4.30 P. M., Postmaster Griffin personally sealed the pouch, delivered it to the Aviator and gave him his instructions as to where it should be delivered to the connecting rail lines which was at a station on the mainland known as Virginia Point.

At the first start of the Aero-mail carrier the machine failed to leave the ground, it being found that the mail sack placed in front of the aviator threw the machine off its balance.

A second trial was made after the sack had been fastened back of the aviator and this time after a run of sixty feet the plane majestically lifted and after a short turn in the air to gain elevation, Studensky, facing a twenty mile wind, sailed out over the city, circled the city hall and then bore away to the north traveling at what was given as a 65 mile speed.

The distance of three miles over the western part of the city was covered, then Studensky crossed Galveston Bay, following the route of the Galveston-Houston Interurban track where it crosses from the mainland into the city over a two mile stretch of water spanned by a monster concrete Causeway built by the city and county. Exactly 31 minutes after leaving the aviation grounds Studensky came to the earth again at Virginia Point where he was met by the Postoffice representatives, and where he was given a receipt for the mail he carried, the pouch then being placed aboard an Interurban car and from there carried on to Houston for delivery to the regular Railroad Postoffice mail clerk.

From Virginia Point Aviator Studensky made an immediate return to the Aviation field, and delivered back to the hands of Acting postmaster Griffin the receipt, making the round trip covering a distance of thirty miles in less than fifty minutes from the time he received the pouch.

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EDITORIAL.

Busy Days—The departmental notice of the issue of the Panama-Pacific stamps made a timely appearance, and the information that it conveyed will whet the desire of collectors to welcome the stamps. The date of the issue of the stamps is January 1st, 1913, and the sheets are arranged to accommodate seventy stamps each. The coming year will be an important one for collectors in this country with its exhibition stamps and the parcel post issues as a beginning of its activities.

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Evolution of the Triangle—Sometime ago, a reader showed us a specimen of the two-cent, 1895, with no lines in one of the triangles, the right, we believe. Since then, Mr. G. A. Hunt, Woburn, Mass., whose attention was directed to the oddity, as a student who had won his spurs as an investigator of the minor differences in United States issues has reported. Mr. Hunt prepared a chart of five stamps showing the "evolution of the triangle;" in the first stamp, the lines within the right triangle are normal; in the second they are not so sharp; the third stamp shows them less pronounced, while in the fourth they are even fainter. In the fifth specimen, the triangles barely are to be discerned, although in the stamp submitted for our inspection, the lines practically were absent. Mr. Hunt selected his illustrations from a large lot of the stamps and he proves conclusively that the delicate lines became worn away in the process of printing.

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Part Perforated—The same correspondent writes to contribute some dicta on the three-cent 1857-60, part perforated, vertically and horizontally. Some months ago, in a communication to the WEEKLY, the esteemed Dr. Carroll Chase, expressed himself somewhat skeptically about the existence of these varieties but Mr. Hunt says that some years ago, he had in his possession temporarily, a vertical pair of these stamps, imperforate horizontally; he understands that the pair is now in the Worthington collection, which according to recollection contains both of the varieties which have been catalogued in our standard work since 1907. It may be remembered that Mr. Goodwin in his article on the stamp said that the two stamps, part perforated vertically and horizontally did exist. It is not necessary to say that these varieties are exceedingly scarce.

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Thus It Was—What has become of the old-fashioned collector who says that no stamp paper published subsequently has ever equalled in interest Trifet's *American Stamp Mercury*, founded in 1868? Has he bumped into the o. f. c. who tells of trading a quart of shilling New Brunswicks for a number of the bogus "ship" type of Guatemala that were floated fraudulently in 1867? What has become of the old-fashioned dealer who made no distinction between grilled and ungrilled United States in his sales books? Does he tarry with the o. f. d. who called himself a timbrologist in his old printed announcements?

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Get Their Names—Sinpod, the stamp sage, has sighted a collector who has given up hope of discovering an August variety, 1861, in a lot of the common type: An auction buyer who bought the only lot he wanted in an auction sale at a really low price: A beginner who never asked which is the rarest stamp known and a non-philatelist who did not ask the collector what he did with the stamps after he got them.

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Here Is Another—Philatelic problem of conduct: "An impressionable young man calling for the first time upon a fetching young lady mentioned casually that he was a stamp-collector, whereat sweet Eglantine said that dear papah also was a collector. She called pater, who produced his album into the parlor; and in a burst of good nature, the young man got out his little duplicate book, which contained, among other stamps, a superb ninety-cent, 1869, that he had bought that very day for his own collection. Papah's face beamed and his prehensible fingers pounced upon the ninety-cent; and taking it, he said that the young man was welcome to have one of his duplicates, all common continentals, in return. What should the young man do? Smile or snort?" Old Trusty spoke again and another red-skin bit the dust. A mint one-dollar bill will be given for what the editor considers the best answer to the foregoing problem, in forty or fewer words, sent in by December 28th,—Parnassus Penflip barred from competition.

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Already Issued—Beginning during the week ending November 30th, shipments have been made of the new parcel post stamps from Washington by registered mail; and each postmaster supposedly has received a supply. No doubt by the time that this notice is in print, some of our readers will have seen the new stamps.

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Tried and True—Our roll of subscribers from January 7th, 1891 to the present day is enlarging and in another column the additions are made. Twenty-two years are a long period in the horology of philately and it warms the cockles of our hearts to hear from our indeed "constant readers." *Apropos*, we have a problem of conduct of our own. Mr. Henry McConnell, Walloon Lake, Michigan, writes: "I have been a subscriber to the WEEKLY from the beginning and have a complete file and will be with you 'till death do us part.' If you have any rich red sporting blood in your veins, make me a price for a life subscription. I am 61." If we named a small sum, it might be thought that our expectancy of life for Mr. McConnell was of short term and a conclusion of this sort would be cruelly contrary to our sincerest wishes. Again, if a liberal amount were asked it would not look sportsmanlike. We wish Mr. McConnell a long life and any attempt to measure it in dollars and cents seems a bit too sordid, in the case of an old and loyal friend.

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Christmas Comes—Our Christmas plans are progressing well and we trust that the Christmas hamper will gladden the eyes of many of the younger people who through the gift will become responsive to the charms of philately. Really, the adult collector can give no more acceptable present than a philatelic package. Some of the "shut-ins" will be made glad as the philatelists who promise them their stamp odds and ends already have rallied in good number. More names of worthy "shut-ins" are desired as at this writing, there are more than enough stamps to go around.

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Drink Did It—A madcap reader writes: "Speaking of keeping close to one's business (apologies to B. L. T.), I know a stamp dealer who uses a stamp tongs in his assaults upon the lump sugar." Our correspondent must have been using the glass too freely, else he would not have contributed to the sorrow of our readers in this way.

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Dec. 13–14.—Great Britain and colonies. Sale by Philadelphia Stamp Co. All unused.

Dec. 14, 16.—Harmer Rooke & Co. Sale.

Dec. 17, 19.—Wolsieffer's 123rd sale, at the Collectors' Club, N. Y. City, being a further lot from the big property of which a four days' sale was held in April.

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DEATH OF C. B. DUFFY.

By WM. I. KIN.

In the death of Christopher B. Duffy which occurred November 30, at his home in Columbus, Ohio, philately has lost one of her most ardent students and thoro specialists. Mr. Duffy had been a collector since his boyhood days and had gathered together one of the really fine collections of the country. He was publisher of the *Stamp Collectors' Figaro* in the early days and carried it successfully through several volumes. He was identified with many attempts to found state association in Ohio even as far back as 1882 and served several times as president of them. He was the leading spirit in the foundation of the Columbus Collectors Club and served for three years as its president. Mr. Duffy joined the A. P. S. in its early stage of life and was a consistent, enthusiastic member, always willing to do more than his share toward attaining the goal of success. At the time of his death he was writing a handbook on the stamps of Guatemala which was being published serially in the *Philatelic Gazette*. His specialized collection of the stamps of Great Britain was without a peer in the world. He reconstructed sheets according to plate and control numbers and had many large volumes to attest the sincerity of his endeavor, ranging over several years of arduous and exhausting research.

While the loss of Mr. Duffy will be keenly felt by the philatelic world at large it remains for those in Columbus to more fully understand just what it means. The Columbus Collectors Club was in reality, the child of his brain and it was always first in the thoughts of that busy man. No matter what he had to do he always had time to attend the meetings, time to help this and that young philatelic student and always had a pocket full of stamps to assist and interest those who would have dropped by the wayside but for his timely efforts.

It has always been a source of interest to understand how a man, as busy as Mr. Duffy, could find the time to accomplish so much in a philatelic way. Mr. Duffy himself explained it that it was his only relaxation and recreation. His one source to free his mind from the besetting business cares, which as purchasing agent of a large railroad, were legion. His grasp of any philatelic subject under discussion was instantaneous and his knowledge of that subject eagerly awaited by his audience, profound and a source of wonder to those who heard him.

He, alone was practically responsible for the success and well being of the Columbus Collectors Club and his loss is one irreparable to the Club.

It is a pleasure to know that men like Mr. Duffy, or "Chris," as he was familiarly called, take such an active part in our philatelic world. Men, whose every action stamp them as nature's noblemen, ever considerate of the kindly thought and deed toward his fellow man and whose lovable personality radiate to all with whom they come in contact. Such was Christopher B. Duffy.

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C. F. Richards, New York City.
D. H. Eaton, Cincinnati, O.
Joseph S. Davis, Los Angeles, Cal.

Mr. Geo. W. Bye, Rutledge, Pa., writes: "I have been a subscriber to the WEEKLY not quite from the beginning but from No. 15 and I have all the papers from that number to date. I suppose that this record will place me on the proposed roll of honor somewhere." Mr. Bye will not be forgotten. Mr. T. Russell Hungerford, Washington, D. C., says: "I cannot claim subscription from No. 1 but have complete file from March, 1892—more than twenty years, which is something of a record. Every philatelist needs the WEEKLY and none can afford to do without it."

Mr. Chas. A. Townsend says: "I can hold up my hand and say: 'Me, too.' Not only have I taken the WEEKLY from No. 1 but was a first number subscriber to the old *Carson Philatelist, Philatelic Journal of America* and *Daily Stamp Item*. The WEEKLY is good enough for me and certainly has the news." In his letter, Mr. C. F. Richards, New York City, says: "Your editorial, 'These Many Years' strikes a sympathetic chord in my heart. By referring to an old account book, I find the following entry under date of Jan. 6th, 1891 (the third item in the new book as it was then) One year's subscription to M. W. S. N., $1.00. I guess that ought to put me in the class of old friends that wear like old shoes, even though I am not absolutely certain that I never missed a year or two." Surely, it does.

Mr. D. H. Eaton tells us: "I have been on your books since the first issue of the paper. In Woburn, Mass., until July, 1900, and since then, in Cincinnati. I have a complete file of the paper and value it very much." Our good friend, Mr. Joseph S. Davis has written to say: "Just a few lines to mention that I am one of the readers of the WEEKLY since its first year. It is a pleasure to recall the events of 1890 and the few succeeding years when I put in my surplus time and energy, along with others, booming and boosting the Philatelic Sons of America and the Sons of Philatelia. It doesn't seem to me that the enthusiasm of those days has ever been equalled or even approached since in American philately. It is a satisfaction also to recall other officers of those two great associations of that time, Kissinger, Dodge, Miller, Beamish, the Greens, Beardsley, Joe Beard and the ever-smiling Brodstone. There were many more I shall not take the space to mention but most of these I had met personally. What has become of the dealers I traded with as a boy in the late '80's? Edwards, Peeke & Co., Chicago, Wm. E. Baitzell, Baltimore, etc.? My later enthusiasm was expended in editing the *Rocky Mountain Stamp* of Denver, which lived a long and popular life, latterly at New Oxford, Pa., under the guidance of Mr. Dodge. I have often thought that I should like to see a series of articles on Philately and Philatelists of Past Philatelic Centers. This might include a dozen or more American cities." Joseph S. Davis, A. P. S. 527; F. R. P. S., London, etc.

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EXHIBITION NEWS.

The committee in charge have finally settled on a site for the great Stamp Exhibition. The building is located on West 39th St., running through to 40th St. near Fifth Avenue. For the purpose for which it was constructed it is one of the finest in the city and was erected through the aid of Mr. Carnegie for the advancement of science. Every detail of the house from basement to roof is perfect. This will secure the very best rates on the four million dollars insurance which will be carried for the benefit of exhibitors. A stockholders' meeting will be held on December 2nd and a new member added to the directorate. Plans will be adopted for advancing the welfare of the great show, raising money and many other matters. About two acres of plate glass will have to be purchased and numerous carpenters engaged making cases so that every item may work like clockwork on the opening day. It is anticipated that a large crowd will be seeking admission to the opening ceremonies, so that admission on the first day will have to be conferred to stockholders, subscribers and distinguished foreign guests. Many world renowned collectors have promised to be present and foreign dignitaries from all parts of Europe. Following the custom which has obtained abroad, it is expected that the exhibition will be opened by the Postmaster General or possibly by President Wilson at any rate the managers are assured of official recognition and support. What are you doing for the cause? Are you a member? Is your collection in shape to exhibit?

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NEWS GLEANINGS.

—Clippings have been received from E. Foster, Maitland Milliken (3), Russell L. Stultz, Edgar S. Bissinger, John H. Frederick, J.T. Perdomo, George Sleeper, C. B. Bostwick, Geo. H. Scharr, H. T. Willcox (6).

—A. W. Whitten sends us a clipping from a Chicago paper referring to Lord Crawford's interest in philately, and stating that the selling of his stamp treasures is due to the fact that he has had serious trouble with his eyes. We believe that we have already referred to this fact in the WEEKLY.

—It is reported that the Bureau of Engraving and Printing is about to use a newly perfected press which will revolutionise the printing of stamps and save more than $400,000 annually.

—B. Gordon Jones, the well-known English dealer whose residence in India has caused him to take considerable interest in the stamps of that country, advertises elsewhere in this issue the 1854 ½ anna red in blocks of the greatest rarity.

—An error occurred in the Dayton trade adv. in No. 1143, in that 100 South and Central American stamps, catalogued $2.25 was priced at 5c instead of 50c. An error also occurred in Mr. Cormack's advertisement where a Paraguay centenary 1911, 1 on 75c was offered. It should have read, the set 1 to 75c, price 20c.

—F. R. Ginn's advertisement this week takes on more than ordinary interest in announcing the purchase of the Neville-Chamberlaine collection. The late field marshall was a great friend of Lord Roberts and the collection is a very fine one.

—W. M. Artman of Los Angeles, Cal., has been unable to attend to business for a month, owing to a serious accident. He craves the indulgence of correspondents until able to attend to matters that have accumulated during his illness.

—W. C. Phillips & Co. also reports John Dvorak of Cleveland, O., as being guilty of the substitution of stamps sent him on approval.

—The Cleveland Stamp Co. whose advertisement will be found in the Small Ads. Column, has just purchased the stamp stock of the Robt. Haynes Stamp Co. and the offerings of this firm will be found in our paper from week to week.

—Q. A. Castra, concerning whom recent inquiry was made, has been located at Providence, R. I. in care of J. Marshall. We give this information for what it may be worth.

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Edited by HENRY A. KIDDER.

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UNITED STATES.—The Rev. Joseph Dreyer sends us a postal card which adds another to the thirty aeroplane routes already listed in MEKEEL'S STAMP WEEKLY. Lincoln Beachey was to have taken the sack of mail collected on the Grounds at Rockingham Park, but was prevented from starting by the prevailing high winds and rain that set in on the afternoon of May 30. The mail had already been postmarked on the Grounds and endorsed by an official of the P. O. "By Aeroplane," but were forwarded by rail to Lawrence, after another unsuccessful attempt had been made to carry them through via the air line.

Mr. Eldredge reports having seen the following new types of precancelled stamps. These types will in the future be indicated by giving the Whole Number of the WEEKLY in which the type is first described. Those interested in precancels should preserve this chronicle. The types are as follows:—

South Weymouth, Mass.—Three lines (South—Weymouth—Mass.) horizontal inscription in sans-serif capitals, two rules above and below, each one mm. wide, space between rules, one mm. space containing inscription, 15 mm. wide.

1c 1912 inverted.

Ashland, Ohio.—Two lines (Ashland—Ohio) horizontal inscription in small capitals between two rules, 12 mm. apart, each ½ mm. wide.

1c, 1912.

Newport, Ky.—Two lines (Newport—Ky.) vertical inscription in fine capitals, with rule above and below, and short rule about 5 mm. long each side of Ky., space containing inscription, 13 mm. wide.

1c, 1912, reading down.

Gloucester, Mass.—Two lines (Gloucester—Mass.) horizontal inscription in small capitals, between two rules, 15 mm. apart, each 1 mm. wide.

1c, 1912.

Binghampton, N. Y.—(Bingham—ton—New York) Three line horizontal inscription, between two rules, 15 mm. apart, and 1 mm. in thickness.

2c, 1912, double.

Milwaukee, Wis.—Two lines (Milwaukee—Wis.) Vertical inscription in plain medium sized capitals, between two hair rules, 15 mm. apart.

1c, 1912, reading down.

ARGENTINE.—Evidently the current stamps are being printed locally, the 12c having been shown us by Whitfield King & Co. and the New England Stamp Co. Beyond the change in the watermark, the stamp is little changed, except being reduced in size, and more roughly printed. The design is now 17x22 mm. instead of 18x25 mm. The familiar sun watermark has disappeared, the new paper being watermarked honeycomb, very easily distinguished.

Adhesive.

12c blue.

BARBADOS.—The *London Standard* has the following regarding the new Georgian stamps:

Queen Anne is exercising the minds of philatelists just now. They are anxious to know the qualifications of this august Stuart to figure alongside King George V on the new issue of Barbados postage stamps. A few experts more leniently disposed towards the designer dispute the identity of Queen Anne, and claim to recognise the features of Queen Victoria. Both parties are agreed that the figure is not that of Britannia, which it has been stated to represent. Handsome and striking as the new Barbados issue may be, an old inconsistency in the design has now been transformed into a flagrant error. The earliest seal of the Colony showed a figure of the reigning British Monarch in a sea chariot. The seal of Charles II reveals this very clearly. It is assumed that when Queen Anne came to the throne she took her place in the chariot on the Barbados seal.

The first Barbados stamps, issued in 1852 and line engraved, showed an undoubted Britannia, armed with helmet and trident, and leaning on a shield in the conventional way. In 1882, when the design was changed, the old theme of the seal was reverted to, and in the place of Britannia there was substituted a female wearing a crown, and holding not only a trident but an orb. The figure is believed by many to be an exact copy of that on the Queen Anne seal. Some, however, think that it is Queen Victoria, and support their argument with the fact that the figure was retained as the central object in the special Diamond Jubilee issue of 1897, when the stamp bore around the borders the inscription Victoria R. I., 1837-1897. In any case, however suited the design may have been to the reign of Queen Victoria, it is out of place with a male monarch on the Throne.

The female figure was undoubtedly placed in the Barbados seal in the reign of Queen Anne, and when Queen Victoria came to the Throne it was introduced a second time. The presence of the crown and orb upon the figure ruled Britannia entirely out of the question. The designer, however, undoubtedly took the figure as that of Britannia, and forgot to alter it. On the first Barbados stamp issue in 1852, the figure was clearly Britannia, but in 1892, a crowned figure riding on a shell drawn by seahorses was substituted. However correct the design may have been at that day, it is now an anachronism. It may be accepted owing to the excellence of the design in other directions. Anachronisms are not uncommon in British stamps. The most flagrant, perhaps, is that in the stamps of St. Kitts-Nevis, an issue covering the two Islands. This stamp, first issued in 1903, and still current, shows Columbus viewing the land through a telescope. Columbus's period of activity in exploration ranged between 1492 and 1504. The first telescope was constructed in 1608.

FIJI ISLANDS.—Whitfield King & Co. and the New England Stamp Co. have shown us two values of the King George set.

Adhesives.

½d green.
1sh black on green.

INDIA.—*Hyderabad.*—*Lemaire's Journal* says that the new official surcharge chronicled in No. 1138 is in smaller type, so that the design is not defaced so much as before. The ¼a has also been issued with the new surcharge, as well as the 1a previously chronicled.

Official Adhesive.

¼a gray.

QUEENSLAND.—The *Australian Philatelist* is informed that none of the stamps of this state are likely to be surcharged, as there is no large stock of any value.

RUSSIA.—*Offices in China.*—Mr. Morse has the regular overprint on a new card (Senf's No. 16) and in a lighter shade of blue.

Post Card.

3k red on buff.

SOUTHERN NIGERIA.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us the 2½d, 3d and 6d values of the King George set, and the New England Stamp Co. has shown us the 1sh value.

Adhesives.

2½d ultramarine.
3d violet on yellow.
6d red violet and lilac.
1sh black on green.

COAMO 5c, No. 200
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72	90c blue, "	3.50	1.50
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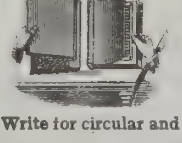

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WITH THE BOY PHILATELIST.

Edited by BERTRAM W. H. POOLE, Box 231, Altadena, Calif.

We propose to insert upon this page matter that will be of interest to the boy collector. Some two thousand boys are now on our mailing list and it is our desire to come closely in contact with them in such a manner as will be most helpful. Any information desired will be cheerfully rendered through these columns. Do not submit stamps for examination.

THE BEGINNERS' GUIDE.

EXPRESS AND SPECIAL DELIVERY STAMPS.

Another small and comparatively unimportant class of stamps comprises the labels issued for use in connection with the Special Delivery or Express services of the post-offices of various countries. Although these extra services, like registration, are very general nowadays the number of countries issuing special labels is only ten.

The United States easily heads the list as the pioneer in the use of special delivery stamps, for it issued one as early as 1885. Canada, which occupies second place, did not bring out its special delivery stamp until 1898, while in the following year Guam and Cuba, enjoying the benefits of U. S. administration, also had stamps of this nature provided for them. The Philippine Islands followed suit in 1901, two years later Italy, Mauritius and New Zealand all issued Express delivery stamps, and in 1905 China and Spain issued these special labels.

By payment of a special fee letters or other postal packages sent by a Special Delivery or Express service are delivered by messenger immediately on their arrival instead of being held for delivery with the ordinary mail. The payment of this fee also assures greater care being taken of the letter while in the mails for special delivery matter is checked from office to office almost as carefully as registered mail.

Taking the countries in alphabetical order the following is a short descriptive list of all the special delivery and express stamps at present known:—

Canada.—This stamp can be at once recognised for in addition to "Canada Post Office" it bears the inscription "Special Delivery Within City Limits." Issued in 1898 this label has remained in use without change, excepting a small difference of tint, until the present day.

China. — China's Express delivery stamp was issued on Nov. 11th, 1905 and is an imposing label measuring 8½ by 2½ inches. It is divided into four parts by vertical lines of perforation and as these sections are removed one at a time at different periods during the missive's wanderings an entire used specimen cannot be obtained.

Cuba.—Under the United States administration the 10c special delivery stamp in use in 1899 was overprinted for use in this island. On the proclamation of the republic a new label was issued inscribed "Asegura entrega immediata al—llegar á la administracion de destino" meaning "Ensures immediate delivery on arrival at the office of destination." In 1902 a fresh supply had the third word more correctly spelled "Inmediata." In 1910 another issue was made and on this the inscription was abbreviated to "Entrega Inmediata," that is "Immediate delivery."

Guam.—Among the United States stamps overprinted for use here in 1899 was a supply of the special delivery stamps of 1895.

Italy.—On June 1st, 1903, a 25 centesimi Express letter stamp was issued here. It is large oblong in shape and shows portrait of King Victor Emmanuel III. at left with the inscriptions "Post Italiane," "Expresso," and "Cent. 25" at the right. In 1908 a stamp of similar size for use on foreign letters was issued. On this the value is 30c and, in addition to the name, the inscriptions "Unione Postale Universale" and "Expres" appear.

Mauritius.—In 1903 an Express delivery stamp was manufactured by surcharging the 15c Labourdonnais stamp with "Express—Delivery—15c" in three lines in red. It was then decided that this 15c rate should only apply to domestic letters and the word "(INLAND)" was inserted above the value at a second printing. A further supply printed later still had the whole overprint applied at one operation and this can be distinguished from the fact that the words "Express-Delivery" are quite close together. In 1904, when further supplies were needed impressions of the head-plate of the rupee value were taken in green and these were surcharged in a similar manner. Printings from this rupee plate were also surcharged in black with the words "(Foreign)—Express—Delivery—10 cents" in 1904 for foreign letters.

New Zealand.—An Express Delivery stamp was issued here in 1903 and has continued in use since without change. It bears the inscription "Secures Immediate Delivery at a Special Delivery Office."

Philippine Islands.—On Sept. 6th 1901, the contemporary Special Delivery stamp of the United States was overprinted for use here. In 1906 a stamp of special design was issued this showing a messenger running and being inscribed "Secures Immediate Delivery at any Postoffice in the Philippine Islands."

Spain.—An Express letter stamp of the value of 20 centimos was issued here in 1905. It bears no name but may at once be distinguished by the design—a winged horse and the Spanish coat-of-arms—and the inscription "Correspondencia Urgente."

United States.—The first special delivery stamp, issued in 1885, shows a messenger running with a letter in his hand while the legend reads "Secures immediate delivery at a special delivery office." This stamp was printed in blue. In 1888 the inscription was altered to read "any post office" and in 1893 the color was changed to orange. In 1894 the design was slightly re-engraved a line being added under the value and in 1895 the use of watermarked paper began. In 1902 a new design was adopted showing a messenger boy on a bicycle while the inscription now reads "Secures immediate delivery at any United States Post Office." In December 1908 a new stamp printed in green and inscribed "U. S. Postage—Special Delivery" appeared but it aroused so much ridicule that it was withdrawn after a time. In 1910 the 1902 design was resuscitated and as the new paper with single line letters watermark was in use these can be easily identified.

JORDAN ALIAS LINDSAY ARRESTED.

Perrin B. Jordan alias Walter R. Lindsay has been arrested for fraudulent use of the mails at Ardmore, Pa. The WEEKLY has given full particulars of the Lindsay operations and was itself for a short time the victim of Jordan's shortcomings. We promptly exposed Jordan and advised dealers and collectors to have nothing to do with him.

Jordan denied all knowledge of the Ardmore transactions until he was positively identified by a clerk summoned from the Ardmore office. He then broke down and confessed and was held for a hearing before the United States Commissioner at Philadelphia.

Jordan claims that financial difficulties had caused his trouble and that he used this means to raise money. Bail was furnished by an aunt.

So the Lindsay problem is solved.

HARRY BASINSKI, MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

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5	1857-60, 10c yellow green, type I, small thin spot, otherwise fine	1.25
6	1857, 10c; 1861, 10c, 30c; used, defective	1.35
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12	1869, 1c, uncanc., damaged; space fil.	1.60
13	1869, 6c blue, used, fine	.85
14	1869, heavy canc., otherwise good	.85
15	1870-71, 2c unused, no gum	1.50
16	1870-71, 10c, No. 150, unused, off c.	8.00
17	1870-71, 6c, 12c, used, perfs. missing	.65
18	1870-71, 15c used, defective	.75
19	1870-71, 24c used, defective	1.50
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27	1887, 1c, 3c; 1888, 4c, 5c, all unused	.75
28	1890, 30c black, unused, one str. edge	1.00
29	1890, 30c and 90c, used	.70
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36	Hudson-Fulton, imp., unused block 4	—
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44	Navy, 10c, used; damaged, space fil.	1.75
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61	25c Ins., 50c Surety Bond, part perf.	1.00
62	50c Conveyance, ultramarine	.50
63	50c Conveyance, Mortgage, Surety Bond, part perf.	2.00
64	50c Entry of Goods, part perf.	2.00
65	50c For. Ex., and Passage Ticket,fine	.70
66	50c Mortgage part perf.	1.00
67	60c, In. Ex., 70c For. Ex., $1.30 For. Ex., $1.50 In. Ex., good lot	1.17
68	$1.90 For. Express, beautiful copy	1.00
69	$2 Conveyance, Mortgage, Probate of Will, fine	1.25
70	$2 Probate of Will, defects	1.00
71	$3.50 Inland Express, fine copy	1.50
72	$5 Manifest	2.50
73	$10 Probate of Will	.85
74	I Issue, 25 var., good copies	.97
75	III Issue, 4c, fine	1.00
76	III Issue, 2c, 5c, 15c	.61
77	III Issue, $2 and $2.50, fine	.90
78	III Issue, $3, punched	1.50
79	1898, 1¼c Proprietary, 10 copies with diff.printed or stamped can.	—
80	1898, Documentary, ½c, both shades, to 80c, 12 var., used and unused	—
81	1898, Documentary, $3 dark brown, unused	—
82	1898, Doc., $1, $3, $5, $10, last cut	.62
83	1898, Doc., $1, $2, uncut; $3, $5, $10, cut	.75
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OLD-FASHION COLLECTING.

By EDWIN B. HILL.

In the correct meaning of the word, I am an "old-fashioned" collector. That is to say, my methods of choosing are unaltered by Time's changes, for I am and have always been consistently careful in selecting my stamps. Both condition and centering are thoughtfully considered; and, as matter of fact, I do not often find it necessary to replace for betterment stamps which have found lodgment in my collection.

I am old-fashioned, too, in that I am a "general collector" of used and unused. Old-fashioned, too, in that I cling to the Scott's International albums,—of which I use three nineteenth and two twentieth centuries. One each is for the general collection, the others for varieties of perforation, paper, and shades. Two of these are old albums that have sheltered collections, from which the stamps have been removed, and the remains of the hinges carefully soaked off. It is a matter wholly of sentiment,—the use of these old albums. They are well-preserved and clean, though they show somewhat the touch of loving hands, now, alas! heedless forever.

He who knows not the love of old books and old editions,—he for whom the "autograph copy" has no charm,—he to whom the aroma of Antiquity is a negligible quantity,—is invited to read no further: these paragraphs are not for him, however much he may pride himself upon appreciation elsewhere.

During the long years of stamp garnering which have pleasured both boyhood and manhood, I have chosen the personal in preference to the impersonal. It has been always the individuality of the stamp which has most appealed,—the personal history of each copy,—the former ownership and vicissitudes, until it found final resting-place in my albums.

What matter if the stamps in one's collection have no meaning further than design and condition? To me the interest and the value (I by no means use the word "value" in a monetary sense) are enhanced if the stamp came from some famous collection,—from the collection, perhaps of one of those stamp-lovers unknown to the philatelists of note, yet one who knew and loved, and alas! suffered when the call of Necessity compelled separation from his treasures. Further, I find rare solace in the stamp which, like a swift passing meteor, momentarily illumes the memory of a dear friend,—and he is legion in one's collecting life.

And so I turn the leaves. . . .

My copy of Scott's No. 43, U. S. A., unused, means much to me, for it came enclosed in a letter sent to a member of the family during those dark days immediately preceding the Civil war. Even a passing glance brings with it a flood of memories inclusive of both sender and receiver. Here No. 220a serenely and benignantly recalls the friend who gave it me, knowingly; for, although he had ceased to treasure stamps, he had retained this copy against the day he planned to pass it on to one who would prize it,—even as I.

The few friends who have handled my albums these latter years were wont to smile a bit satirically at No. 2816,—for one of my two copies has lost a side and part of the top. This had been repaired with a piece from another stamp. It was a Ruin—with a big "R"—until it passed through the hands of my friend, the expert repairer. Now it "looks well," as the seductive auction cataloguer says. But it looked best to me in its old age,—for it came from a once famous collection dispersed about ten years ago. I never learned why it was treasured so carefully,—some sorrows are too sacred for the ruthless seeker after knowledge. I only know this one stamp was removed and given me just before the collection passed into alien hands.

My Canada No. 13 came to me curiously. It is perfectly centered, lightly cancelled, with the usual bull's-eye cancellation, and of a shade extremely rare,—grey-purple. It is an early printing from the plate. I do not think a finer copy is in existence. The friend who sent it to me had searched for two years for a perfect copy of this particular stamp, and, as he tersely expressed it, "It's worth much more than

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the price you are paying for it." And it certainly is, for catalogue values err sometimes on the side of the "innocent purchaser," despite the caviling of dissenters. The previous history of this bit of paper, and the manner of acquirement are, as Kipling would say, another story.

When my album opens to Barbados, I am confronted with a message of friendship. Removing from the East to the far West, where transportation of bulky things is largely prohibitive, I sent a friend a box of rare old magazines of a technical nature. A few weeks after they reached him, the mails brought a book of stamps, with a letter: "Take what you need to fill blanks; and the more you take, the better I shall like it." So my Barbados page was enriched, notably with Nos. 10, 26, and 40, among others of lesser value in coin-of-the-realm, but equal worth in coin-of-the-heart.

Nova Scotia No. 12 has added interest to me because this particular copy is from the J. N. Luff collection, purchased from that well-known scholar himself.

Sarawak—always a favorite country—contains Nos. 18a and 19a from the stamps of the president of the J. P. S. One has a slight tear, the other is a perfect copy of a very scarce stamp.

Turning to Chile, I recall most affectionately the friend who aided me to complete my regular issues of the Nineteenth century,—for he is one of those all-too-rare stamp-lovers who, though a dealer, declares he "doesn't care to make money dealing with friends." So do I bear living witness in my album! The beautiful No. 9b came to him amongst a lot in an old collection; and this, together with No. 13, was transferred into my album for so trifling a sum that No. 330 was "thrown in" for luck! It certainly completed the jest!

It was this same friend who presented me a set of Trinidad dues, every one lightly canceled and perfectly centered.—Nos. 151-168. The reason he gave for this was unique. We were looking through the album, one Winter-like November day.

"Trinidad—Trinidad"—he said, musingly, as his hand lingered upon the turning leaf. "Nice lot you have. But where are your dues? Collect them? Yes? I do hate to see blank spaces."

A few days later, after my friend had returned to business cares in the city, the mails brought me the set of stamps, wtih a note:

"I *do* hate to see blank spaces!"

Confederate States No. 209 causes a smile. My friend and I almost quarreled over it. I insisted it was "with outer line," and refused to accept it for a "milky blue" at a quarter. I was willing to pay a fair price for a stamp that was necessary to my happiness. My friend scrutinized it carefully.

"Milky blue!" he declared between puffs at his brier. "Milky blue!"

I couldn't convince him, although the outer line to me loomed up as large as Jackson's head on U. S. A. No. 73.

So I paid the quarter, with the declaration that I was "robbing a friend." May the gods bring him more profitable customers!

I might cite a hundred incidents of stamps in my collection which appeal by reason of association, but it would savor too much of a catalogue.

I would impress upon the beginner in philately the joy of "writing up" his collection,—the sweet suggestion in personal knowledge of each individual stamp,—the rare pleasure derived from lingering over the pages of one's album, with its world of meaning unfolded to the eyes. This is the way of knowledge. It is also the way of richness in peace.

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(Elsewhere in this issue A. F. Henkels gives the facts in connection with this find. We reprint the following clipping sent us from the Philadelphia **North American** by courtesy of W. E. Beam. It shows how the "find" was reported in the general press.—Ed.)

Hundreds of stamp enthusiasts, ranking in their hobby everywhere from ordinary collectors to expert philatelists, are beseiging Edward B. Hemingway. Since knowledge became current concerning his golden "find" of rare postage stamps valued at $100,000 his office in Elbow lane has become the stamp collector's Mecca of personal pilgrimage or target for excited telegrams, letters and phone calls. Hemingway's windfall was the result of blind luck.

In a $50 purchase of waste paper, which, as representative of the Hemingway Paper Stock Company, he bought six months ago from an upstate business house he found 102 postage stamps of curious design. He exhibited them to A. F. Henkels, president of the Philadelphia Stamp Club, and was informed that his discovery was worth in cash about $100,000, and that it would go down as a memorable event in the annals of philately.

The rare bits of steel engraving number 102 in all, and are conservatively estimated to be worth 250 times their weight in gold as they stand affixed to their envelopes. The most valuable of the stamps are those known as the St. Louis "bear issue," struck in 1847. This variety was designed for use in St. Louis, and is distinguished by the seal of Missouri with the two bears rampant. The 5 and 10 cent specimens of this issue have a catalog value of $250 each, and a commercial rating of perhaps $100 more.

Mr. Hemingway has several of this denomination, but they pale in comparison with his specimens of the 20-cent "bear issues." These stamps are so rare that for many years the authenticity of the few that did exist was doubted. During the last decade, however, several have been unearthed, and their value has been established at $2500.

Mr. Hemingway has no knowledge in the valuation of stamps, and very little sympathy for the hobby. Therefore, he has decided to dispose of almost all of the collection to a syndicate rather than trouble himself with selling them piecemeal.

PAUL RISSMAN, CHICAGO.

Approval selections are being solicited in the name of Paul Rissman, 2107 Mich. Av., Chicago, Ill. He is not on our mailing list. When reference is written, Rissman advises that he never wrote the orignial request which is signed by type written name. We state these facts without comment by courtesy of a N. Y. city firm. Who is "Paul Rissman" the author of the approval request?

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NAME	ADDRESS

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1889	*Curacao, 1c-5c, 5 var	.10
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1911	Greece, 1l-10l, 5 var	.06
1898	*Hayti, 1c-10c 8 var	.20
1896	*Japan, 87-90	.18
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CHRISTMAS PHILATELIC FESTIVAL.

A jolly affair is planned for the evening of Dec. 17 when the Boston Philatelic Society will hold its annual Christmas Celebration. A program of rare merit will be offered and collectors residing in or near Boston are invited to attend.

SPECIAL NOTE.—The exhibits of stamps will be made at the club room, No. 322 Tremont Bdg., between the hours of 6 and 8 o'clock P. M. This rare opportunity to inspect Messrs. Green's, Howes', Barrett's and Dunning's exhibits should be embraced by every Boston collector.

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Written for MEKEEL'S WEEKLY.

HOW TO BECOME A STAMP DEALER.

By WASHINGTON GRANT.

CHAPTER V.—*Advertising.*

Having prepared his stock for properly serving his customers, either local or through the mail, our new dealer's next step is to secure those customers. There are two sources from which he can draw his trade. The first is from among those people who are already collecting stamps and it is to this class that most dealers appeal. The second class is formed of the customers whom the dealer will create himself by making collectors through so-called "Missionary" work. This missionary work deserves a separate chapter, so we will confine the present one to the best ways to obtain customers among people who are already collectors.

The first question is that of a proper advertising medium and the first medium which commends itself is naturally MEKEEL'S WEEKLY STAMP NEWS as having the largest circulation in this country among collectors, of all the philatelic periodicals which are open to outside advertisers. The dealer must first make up his mind how much money he is willing or can afford to spend for advertising for the season and then how he will apportion it.

For small advertising, the trade column offers an attractive field at an inexpensive rate. Whether it is best to use small space regularly or large space occasionally, is a question which is considerably debated, not only among philatelic advertisers, but among some of the biggest general advertisers in the country. Each side of this question has its strong adherents. It is the writer's belief that for one who is beginning in the stamp business, the policy of regular advertising even in a small space is better than an occasional "splurge."

The new dealer's first great disappointment is likely come in returns from his first advertisement.

This is because he usually expects too much. It is foolish to think that one can insert an advertisement in a stamp paper and "pull out" sales enough, not only to pay for the advertisement, but for all the expenses of his business, and a profit as well. If the stamp business was as easy as this no dealer would be obliged to spend his time on anything but writing advertisements and filling orders. The object of the advertisement is not so much to sell goods directly, as it is to secure customers, and an advertisement which brings you customers at a moderate cost is a paying advertisement, even if you do not sell a cent's worth direct from the advertisement.

One of the leading dealers in this country speaks of his first advertisement some 25 years ago, which was inserted in a small monthly stamp paper (MEKEEL'S not being in existence at that time). It cost less than $1.00, but he expected that it would bring him at least orders enough to pay for the advertisement. He received one 25c order and an inquiry for a package of hinges. On the face of it, the advertisement looked like a loss, but the collector who inquired about the hinges eventually became a regular customer of the new dealer who sold him stamps for his collection for many years.

The new dealer in his first advertisement is handicapped by the fact that he is a stranger. Few collectors will answer the advertisement of a stranger at first sight, even if it is in a paper which makes sure of the good faith of its advertisers. You must remember that almost every collector who reads a paper is already trading with one or more dealers and he must see some good reason why he should make a change or divide his patronage. As your new advertisement is repeated, probably with a change in the offering each week, he becomes used to seeing your name and in time you become familiar to him as a stamp dealer who advertises regularly. Then, some day, he sees in your advertisement something that he really wants or that is offered a little more cheaply than he has noticed it elsewhere and he answers your advertisement.

It is evident from this that since you are endeavoring to attract new customers, your offers must also be attractive. Use the best bargains you have in stock to induce collectors to write to you, just as the 5 and 10c stores put their best bargains in their show windows to induce people to come into the store. Some dealers even advertise stamps for less than cost to get new customers, but unless the fact is plainly stated and the reason for the unusual offer is made clear, this is not wholly a wise policy. The collector gets a false idea that the stamps may be bought for less than they are worth and when he finds out that you have no other bargains at similarly low prices, he becomes disgusted and quits. At least one stamp business which started about ten years ago made this mistake. The managers continually advertised in large type, stamps at prices which every dealer knew to be less than cost. If they had explained that they were selling at these rates to get new customers, they might have progressed all right, but they made the ridiculous claim that all their other prices were similarly low. Collectors who answered their advertisements naturally expected some wonderful bargains and when they found that most of the firm's prices were no lower than those of other dealers, they naturally quit trading, disgusted and disappointed. The firm eventually went out of business for a time, but has since resumed on a more sane, honest, and it is to be hoped, more substantial basis.

The question as to just what stamps or particular countries to advertise, depends on the dealer's own stock and what class of trade he wants. By reading the news in the stamp papers, he can see what stamps are particularly interesting collectors at the period and if he is fortunate enough to have a good stock of anything that is being commented on in the news columns, he can take advantage of the fact to advertise it. Political and geographical changes, as reported in the daily news, also cause a demand for the stamps of the countries involved. The Spanish War brought a tremendous demand for the stamps of Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippines. The troubles in Mexico have caused a great increase in the demand for Mexican stamps, with the result that many of the older issues which have been overlooked for years, are now known to be decidedly scarce and hard to find. The Balkan War has caused a sharp demand for the stamps of the various Balkan States, as well as for those of Turkey, which have not been popular for many years.

(*To be continued.*)

M. J. FLEET, GREENSBORO, ALA.

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268	3c purple	U. S. P. S.	(4)	.08
269	4c brown	U. S. P. S.	(4)	.06
270	5c chocolate	U. S. P. S.	(4)	.05
271	6c brown	U. S. P. S.	(4)	.10
271a	6c brown	U. S. I. R.	(4)	?
272	8c puce	U. S. P. S.	(4)	.08
272a	8c puce	U. S. I. R.	(4)	?
273	10c green	U. S. P. S.	(4)	.05
274	15c blue	U. S. P. S.	(4)	.30
275	50c orange	U. S. P. S.	(4)	.75
276	$1 black	U. S. P. S.	(4)	1.50

Note that the above includes 271a and 272a showing full letters.

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15 Cent Special Bundle

1902, *3c violet, pair; *8c dark lilac; *10c red brown; *4c brown, pair; $1 black. 1908, *Merry Widow Special. 1912, *2c imperf. blk. 4, line bet. 1911, 3c color 50c, 1 straight edge; 1c Postal Savings, perf. 4 sides.

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1861, 10c green. 1869, 2c brown. 1871, 6c brown. 1882, 5c yellow brown, perfect pair; 25 var. U. S. before 1901; 25 var. U. S. after 1901; 10 var. U. S. Revenues.

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Dec. 14, 16.—Harmer Rooke & Co. Sale.

Dec. 17, 19.—Wolsieffer's 123rd sale, at the Collectors' Club, N. Y. City, being a further lot from the big property of which a four days' sale was held in April.

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EDITORIAL.

Laid—There is an interest shown at present in the so-called laid paper varieties of current issue and there are several students whose sincerity and acumen are unmistakable who support the claims of the stamps for recognition as laid paper varieties in the catalogue. One of the believers in the stamps, in fact, their protagonist, says that paper that shows the lines with the gum on or off surely is laid paper, no matter what the stamp experts say. This is fair enough and it is not to be denied that in the stamps under discussion there is the physical trait described. However, it is, too, a question of what the paper expert says and we well remember what a hue and cry were raised over the one-cent green, 1898, on what was alleged to be laid paper but an authority not on stamps but on paper said that the paper submitted was not the real laid paper. So it seems that there is laid paper and "near-laid." When the laid paper is laid as in the three-cent, 1861, laid paper, then we shall be glad to acclaim any new stamps as the real article.

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Carried Out—Our Christmas plans are nearing their completion and through the instrumentality of our readers, we have been able to write success on both the gift and the "shut-in" operations. In the next issue, we shall show what has been accomplished in the "shut-in" campaign so that our readers may know how some hearts have been filled with Christmas cheer.

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On The Trail—What has become of the old-fashioned collector who included a few paper collar license stamps in his collection? Is he consorting with the o. f. c. who used to say that he did not care so long as the stamp was not so heavily cancelled that you could not make out what it was? Too, what has become of the old fashioned dealer who used to paste the corner of the stamps down in his stock-books, making removal practically impossible without a thin spot? Has he decamped with the o. f. d. who said that he would not advertise in the stamp papers because he wanted only a local trade?

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Goodness Knows—Sinpod, the stamp sage says that he has glimpsed the collector who has not some stamp in mind that is underpriced in the catalogue: An auctioneer who always made up his lot combinations to suit the bidder: A publisher of a stamp paper whose advertisers without exception remitted by return mail and a small boy collector who always found that his questions were pleasantly answered by the adult philatelist.

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Home-Made—Mr. George A. Chandler, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, writes: "I should like to record the use of an ordinary two-cent stamp for postage due by a rural postmaster. The stamp was affixed at time of due payment and surcharged in indelible pencil the name of the post-office and R. F. D., 'Peebles 37.' I have the original cover in my possession now. I know also of a case in which ten cents having been due, five 2-cent stamps were affixed and each one similarly cancelled."

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Currency Change—Over a month ago, postmasters at international money-order offices were notified "that the name of the monetary unit of the money of Portugal has been changed from milreis to escudo, which has the same value as the milreis and is divided into 100 centavos, while the milreis represents 1,000 reis, hence one centavo is equal to 10 reis."

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Turn Backward—Mr. Charles Bailey, West Toronto, Canada, "a collector of 27 years," has been gracious enough to send for old time's sake page half-tones of the group comprising the first annual convention of the Philatelic Sons of America, at Niagara Falls, August, 1894; and of the officers of the Southern Philatelic Association when the great majority of the members were of the south, or in 1894. Mr. Bailey asks if the Philatelic Sons of America is still in existence. It is not and has not been in existence for ten years but while it lived it was the livest organization that ever flourished, philatelically. The sons of 1893 soon grew out of their juniority; and the supply of Kissingers, Greens and Greenes, Ashcrofts, Foxs, Barnums, Quackenbushs, Motts and Langs seemed to peter out.

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Pismire vs. Philatelist—Frederic C. DePuy, Rochester, New York, contributes the following surprising sentences: "Here is something that might be interesting to Parnassus Penflip. It is copied from 'The Vanishing Man,' by R. Austin Freeman, p. 268, a rather good detective story, published by Dodd, Mead & Co.: 'The humblest of creatures has its uses,' 'even the little pismire,' you know, as Isaak Walton tells us. Why, I have got substantial help from a stamp collector. And then reflect upon the motor scorcher and the earthworm and the blowfly. All these lowly creatures play their parts in the scheme of Nature." We have heard of a pismire being compared to an elephant, but never before to a philatelist. We can imagine that when Parnassus Penflip reads the foregoing, he will have an almost fatal attack of verbal inflammation.

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Looking Up—The light of joy now shines in the dome of Parnassus Penflip: "I thank you for remittance on account but allow me to say that instead of $2.50 in unused stamps, some of which, I may interpose, were denuded of their habilament of gum, there was but $2.43. However, I credit you with the full amount, leaving the balance of $90. A strange sense of stimulation steals o'er me and I feel that I shall be spared the ineffable embarrassment of declining the port-folio of postmaster-general in Wilson's cabinet because of an insufficiency of funds for fare to Washington. It is not beyond the pale of probability that I may promise you favorable action on your suggestion that the twelve hundredth number of the WEEKLY be commemorated by a special set of tri-colored stamps and that the privilege of the mails be denied those dealers who do not advertise in your paper upon the receipt of a further sum in liquidation of your account."

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On Deck—Dr. Arthur W. Bruce, Kalamazoo, Michigan, writes: "A short time ago, you inquired about the old-fashioned collector who kept a record of the number of stamps on the pages of his album. In your issue of November 16th, I notice that one of them has pleaded guilty and she says that she knows of others. Here is another,—only more so. I have two separate card catalogues, one of them consisting of a separate card for each country with a record of the number of varieties. The other consists also of a separate card or cards as the case may demand for each country; here I have recorded catalogue numbers and values. Just at present the collection is housed in three volumes as follows: Volume I, 2319; Volume II, 2128; Volume III, 861. The first two volumes are 19th century and the third twentieth century. About the o. f. d. and his 'cut to shapes,' I cannot say but from Miss Swift's communication, I imagine that you have a clear understanding of him."

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THE FIND OF ST. LOUIS STAMPS.

By A. F. Henkels.

In view of the many conflicting reports as to the find of St. Louis Postmasters provisional stamps discovered in Philadelphia a few months ago and in justice to the finder E. D. Hemingway who is the sole owner of this desirable lot, I think it is due the stamp collecting fraternity that the full facts of the find be put before them, both for the purpose of relieving the anxiety of those who already possess copies of these stamps as well as putting the find in question upon the proper basis. Some of the reports have so magnified the find as to seriously interfere with the trading in this particular class of stamps.

This find whilst of great philatelic importance is not so large as previous lots that have been readily absorbed and instead of rendering the stamps of less interest should stimulate the market for them.

Hereto I append Mr. Hemingway's statement as to the entire find which I trust will be appreciated by the philatelic public and materially aid in clearing this atmosphere of doubt and speculation.

The following data I quote from Mr. Hemingway's written statement to me: “The find comprised ‘20, 20c; 79, 10c and 6, 5c.’ The unsevered pairs and threes I have are, one 20c and 10c, one pair of 20c, seven pair of 10c, three of three 10c.

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Again the WEEKLY has demonstrated its supremacy in the field of philatelic advertising and the thing that pleases us most is the fact that our advertising patronage was contributed by the many rather than a few.

Our entire page of Small Ads. shows how much our readers appreciate the privileges that this department offers. Never before has this page been so well patronized. What was the cause of this patronage? We can best anwser with the following quotation from a letter from Geo. J. Carter, who recently took three inches of space: —

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Chapter XXI.

12 Cents, Issue of 1869.

In this stamp, as those which have been described before, we have a case of beauty gone wrong in the finishing. To the mind of the writer there are few handsomer stamps existing in the single-color varieties than the 12 cents of 1869. And sad to say a majority of them are found almost completely ruined by the careless work of the persons who manipulated them through the perforating machine. What beauty the last mentioned employees of the stamp makers left the hard-hearted, wasteful minded postmasters wiped out by the free use of certain inks and other daubs then in their possession.

This stamp was simultaneously issued with those of the lower values, late in April, or about the first of May, 1869. They were left in use for 11 or 12 months, and were, with all other denominations withdrawn from public gaze.

The design is that of an ocean liner “going west” depicting the type of fast water transportation in vogue at the time. E. B. Power is authority for the statement that the picture of the vessel was copied from a dinner menu in use by the White Star Lines, and that the “greyhound” depicted was the “Arctic.”

Officially the color is known as Milori green. The shades, given by Mr. Luff, are pale green, yellow green, green, deep green and blue green.

This stamp was grilled. Unlike some of the other denominations it is claimed that there are no authentic copies existing without grill. The sizes of grilles, so far as the writer has been able to learn (by actual measurements and search of technical literature) are:

Size.	*Points.*
9½x9½	13x12
9 x9½	12x12
9 x9	12x11
8½x9	11x11

I have a copy of this stamp, in my collection, grilled with points up.

This stamp was issued from two plates in sheets of 150 each, the plates being numbered 17 and 18. The paper varies very little in the examination of many copies, being close wove, hard finish and quite white. Once in a while a stamp is found upon paper with a yellowish tinge, but this is due probably to the ravages of age, rather than to any coloring in the paper itself.

There were issued by the makers to the government 3,012,950 stamps of which probably only the latter five figures can be termed “fine” as the collector knows it. I have seen a good share of the remaining three millions and without exception they were all “off center.”

So far as the writer knows, or can learn, there are no varieties or errors in this stamp, so it is easy on the eyes.

In 1875 the National Bank Note Company printed 10,000 so-called re-issues for the government, as a sort of 100th anniversary celebration. The other denominations were so printed, too, as stated before. These reprints were not overly popular with the “dear peepul” for only 1,584 were disposed of in every way, and the rest were turned back, and later destroyed.

The color of this reprint is known as dark blue-green, and the stamp was printed from an original plate—number 17.

Of course this reprint had no grille. I have seen a copy of the reprint with a counterfeit grille, but why one should want to reduce a $10 stamp to a $4 one by such counterfeit act is beyond my understanding.

The commonest cancellation upon the regular issue is, of course, black. The stamps are freely found pen-cancelled. Red is not an uncommon cancellation, but other colors are scarce. “Paid” cancellations ought to be worth a small premium.

Proofs in cardboard and on India paper make a handsome and valuable addition to the page devoted to this stamp.

Chapter XXII.

15 Cents, Issue of 1869.

More opportunity for serious study, and for the expenditure of idle funds, is found in this rather handsome, and exceptionally popular stamp. Old collectors and younger ones, too, will recall how happy they were when they secured the first copy of this stamp, and how they fairly gloated over their possession of the second and scarcer type—with the picture frame missing, as the catalog has it.

Strange to say, this stamp was not so ruthlessly “butchered” by the perforating machine as most others of the series, and it is possible to find the stamp in fairly well centered condition. Of course one which is not a hair's breadth out of the way in any direction is a rarity, but often-times a copy can be found where the design is not cut into by the perforations.

The denomination of 15 cents appeared a little later in the year than those which have previously been described—the first copy having been mentioned the latter part of May, 1869. It is probable that the stamp was in use about 11 months before it gave way to the yellow fellow which came in 1870.

There are two types in the regular issue. Type I, as the cataloguer makes it, was the first stamp of the kind to appear, followed a little later by Type II. The second type was thought necessary to make less conspicuous the poor “register” of the printers in placing the picture inside the frame.

The cataloguer distinguishes the types by saying that “Type II has picture framed.” I believe this is not the proper way to describe this type, in that there is really a frame in both types, and I know that a good many collectors have been confused and misled by this description. I would much rather designate Type II with the words “With Diamond” and then explain that this diamond is found at the point where the frame design curves upward in the middle. “Without Diamond” would, of course, designate Type I.

The stamps were printed in sheets of 100, two plates being used to complete each sheet. Type I was printed from Plate 19 for both the frames and the picture of the Signing of the Declaration of Independence. Type II has plates 23 and 31 for the frame and 23 and 23 for the picture.

The engravers printed and delivered 1,438,940 stamps. There is no historical facts to show how many of each type were printed.

The colors in combination are designated as follows: Dark blue and red brown, dark blue and dark red brown, dark blue and pale red brown. These shades apply to each type. In my examination of the stamps I find that the Type I run more to lighter shades than Type II.

Only two sizes of grilles have been authoritatively announced up to this time:

Size.	*Points.*
9x9½	12x12
9x9	12x11

Two varieties are listed. The one with picture inverted, is found in type I only. This was caused by a transfer having been made upside down. When the error was discovered the plate was corrected, and but few got away from the engravers. It is a moot question whether any of these errors were used as postage. One authority will say yes, and another no.

The stamp without grille has been listed. It occurs in the second type only.

For the specialist who delights in searching for minute varieties this stamp opens up a considerable field. There are several engravers' lines and dots to be found, and some unevenness in the lower part of the design. There is a broken line at the right bottom of stamp which might be construed as collectible.

No opportunity is afforded to study paper characteristics, so far as I can learn. The paper is about all of the same texture, close wove, rather white in color, and little else to trouble the collector.

Like the others this stamp was reprinted in 1875, and unlike those it can be readily detected without the least shadow of doubt. Mr. Luff calls this reprint Type III. The shaded line of

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371	393	394	395	396	397
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415	416	419	443	444	445

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CHRONICLE OF NEW ISSUES AND VARIETIES

Edited by HENRY A. KIDDER.

Information regarding new issues gratefully received. Address HENRY A. KIDDER, Arlington, Mass. Letters calling for a reply should contain a self-addressed stamped envelope. We cannot give addresses of our correspondents. Correspondence regarding precancelled stamps must be sent to FRANK B. ELDREDGE, Attleboro, Mass. Specimens must accompany chronicle, with self-addressed stamped envelope for return of the same. Please note these rules.

CANADA.—L. C. Hooper of Winnipeg shows us the current 1c King George stamp in a dark shade of green with a touch of olive. Mr. Hooper has only seen on stamps precancelled "Toronto—Ontario," a specimen of which he submits for inspection, the precancellation being inverted.

CHILE.—Frank C. Davis has shown us specimens of the new 2c, 4c and 10c stamps recently chronicled.

CHINA.—A. C. Roessler reports that a new post card for China has been issued, but to Nov. 4, no new stamps had been issued at the capital. The card is light green, shows a flag of five stripes flying in the morning breeze with the sun rising in the distance. The "Republic of China" is printed in capitals in a circle around the flag. The label at bottom reads: Postage One Cent. The French inscription as per rules of U. P. U. "Carte Postale—Chine."

GILBERT & ELLICE ISLANDS.—A. C. Roessler is officially informed that the Georgian 4d, 2sh, 2sh 6d and 5sh will be due in the Islands early in January, 1913, followed by the 1d, 2d, and 2½d. Quoting from a letter: "Many philatelists are asking addresses of other postoffices in the Protectorate in order to obtain their postmarks. For their information I hereby give notice that similar cancelling stamps are being used by all other post offices (other than Ocean Island)." Mr. Roessler has the two cancellations referred to. Ocean Island has "G. P. O. Ocean Id.," and date enclosed by two concentric circles. The stamp used in other postoffices has only "Postal Department" with a fancy dash, above and below the words. Both stamps have between the two circles "Gilbert & Ellice Islands Protectorate."

INDIA.—W. T. Wilson sends specimens of the two new values of the King George set noted in No. 1140, the color of the 12a being different from the statement copied from a French contemporary.

The 8a has been overprinted service in the type previously described.

Adhesives.

8a violet.
12a red violet.

Official Adhesive.

Surcharge "Service."

8a violet.

JAMAICIA.—J. A. Galbraith shows us the new 6d stamp with portrait of King George. The design is the same as the values in the new set previously chronicled, and the colors are in accordance with the new color scheme, though reversed, the portrait being in lilac and the frame in red violet.

Adhesive.

6d red violet and lilac.

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LEEWARD ISLANDS.—Frank C. Davis has shown us a cover with the new 2½d Georgian stamp noted in No. 1143.

NEW HEBRIDES.—The *Australian Stamp Journal* reports that it is proposed to surcharge the 2sh and 5sh values of the English issue of Condominium with new values, "Half Penny" or "One Penny," as the high values are very little used. Will this mean also a similar surcharge for the 2f and 5f values of the French issue, turning them into 5c and 10c stamp respectively?

PAPUA.—A. C. Roessler reports having seen the 4d in a single color. It was issued Oct. 23 or earlier.

Adhesive.

4d light olive.

ST. HELENA.—It comes somewhat of a surprise that the Colonial authorities should have reprinted the pictorial series of 1903, with portrait of King George in place of that of King Edward and with the addition of a new value, the 2½d. This is printed in type A7, all being in two colors except the 1sh. At the same time, there have been issued two values in the regular De La Rue type, with portrait of King George, the 4d and 6d stamps. Specimens of all have been shown us by Hermann Focke and the New England Stamp Co. Mr. Focke calls attention to the fact "that so far nothing has been said either here nor in Europe regarding the appearance of St. Helena stamps with effigy of King George V, and their receipt was therefore, quite a surprise. Fortunately they have been careful not to print this stamp in the old colors of orange and brown, as was the case with the new issue for Bahamas, Falkland Islds. and Gambia, which sooner or later will probably have to be changed according to the so-called color-scheme. Otherwise the design of these new stamps is the same as that of the 1903 issue with head of King Edward."

The above applies of course particularly to the pictorial issue, the smaller stamps being printed from the new keyplates, which are very much different from Scott's type A5.

Mr. Focke also says: "It is rather strange that these two odd values should have been issued, the more so as the 2½d which in the previous set was also of the small size, is now issued in the large size, and why they did not do the same with the two remaining values is not easily conceivable. The 10sh value seems not to have been included in the new set, let us hope that it never will be."

Adhesives.

Pictorial Series.

½d green and black.
1d scarlet and black.
2d gray and black.
2½d bright ultramarine and black.
8d violet and black.
1sh black on green.
2sh ultramarine and black on blue.

From New Keyplates.

4d black and red on yellow.
6d lilac and mauve.

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Victoria, Re-issue on V and Crown paper, 1d	.04
Portugal, "Assistencia," 1c and 2c ... The Pair	.06
Belgium, New Issue, 2c, **.02;** 20c, **.06;** 25c, **.08;** 2fr	.48
Bosnia, New Issue, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 60, 72h, 1k ... Set of 17,	1.26
2k, **.48;** 3k, **.72;** 5k	1.20
Trinidad, Unpaid Letter Stamps, multiple watermark, **unused,** 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8d ... Set of 7,	1.08
Bahamas, King George, ½d, **.02;** 1d, **.04;** 2½d	.08
Gambia, King George, ½d, **.02;** 1d, **.04;** 1½d, **.06;** 2d, **.06;** 2½d, **.08;** 3d, **.08;** 4d, **.10;** 5d, **.12;** 6d, **.16;** 7½d, **.18;** 10d	$ .24
St. Lucia, King George, ½d, **.02;** 1d, **.04;** 2½d, **.08;** 3d **.08;** 6d, **.16;** 1sh, **.28;** 5sh	1.38
Sierra Leone, King George, 1d	.04
East Africa, King George, 3c, **.02;** 6c	.04
Barbados, King George, ¼d, **.02;** ½d, **.02;** 1d, **.04;** 2d, **.06;** 2½d, **.08;** 3d, **.08;** 4d, **.10;** 6d, **.16;** 2sh, **.56;** 3sh	.84
Kedah, $5	3.24
Sweden, 1 ore, watermark wavy lines	.02
Iceland, Cameo series, 3a-50a, Set of 8, **.48;** 1k	.32
Surinam, Type set provisionals, ½c, 2½c, 5c, 12½c ... Set of 4	.24
Portuguese Indies, Bisected provisionals, 1½r on 9r, **.10;** 6r on 4½r, **.08;** 1r on 1r Republica, **.06;** 6r on 9r Republica, **.08;** 1r on 1t, **.06;** 2r on 2½r, **.10;** 1½r on 2½r, **.10;** 1r on 1t Republica,	.08
Denmark, 5k	1.56

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NEWS GLEANINGS.

—Clippings have been received from Romain B. Wittman, Lawrence Mathews, Cecil F. Blogg, Fredk. Charles, Geo. H. Scharr, Hugo Kuenstler (5), R. H. A. Green.

—The Scott Stamp & Coin Co. have issued their price list for 1913, making a strong book of 84 pages. It will no doubt be sent anyone on request. We have also received wholesale list No.8 from the Co-operative Exchange, and small dealers should avail themselves of the opportunity of giving the same a careful study.

—Elsewhere in this issue is an advertisement of the Universal Collectors Pin. This advertisement however does it scant justice. The pin is a handsome production, shows clearly what it is in tended for, and collectors at all interested should investigate the offer of the Cresent Co.

—D. T. Eaton of Muscatine, Iowa, has been finding a few good things in "I. R." watermarks in the 6c and 8c 1895. His advertisement elsewhere will prove of interest.

—Edw. W. Bridge sends us a specimen of label issued by the advocates of 1c letter postage. It is printed in carmine and shows a mail bag as the center design. At the top is the inscripton "Half your letter postage is a tax" and below "Address National One Cent Letter Postage Association, Cleveland, O."

—Edw. W. Heusinger, San Antonio, Tex., has in preparation an International stamp and coin collectors and dealers address book. The prospectus advises us that it will be issued in 1913. Interested parties will address Mr. Heusinger as above.

—*Nammack's Philatelic News-Letter* is a pretentious publication of eight pages. It is advertised as the house organ with individuality, with the last word in italics. A copy will be sent on request.

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JORDAN ALIAS LINDSAY.

(Last week we announced the arrest of Perrin B. Jordan, alias Walter R. Lindsay. The following clipping from the Philadelphia Inquirer gives some facts of interest to our readers.—Ed.)

One of the most puzzling cases in the history of the local department of post-office inspectors was cleared up when United States Commissioner Craig, at a hearing held in the Federal Building, held Perrin B. Jordan, 19 years old, of Garrettford, Pennsylvania, under $800 bail for court on the charge of using the mails to defraud.

When Chief Postal Inspector Cortelyou on Friday summoned the proprietor of a business concern known as the Hill Music Company to appear at his office and explain the nature of the business conducted by the company he had no idea that his investigations would disclose the identity of Walter R. Lindsay, who was wanted on the charge of swindling dealers in rare stamps from many parts of the country out of hundreds of dollars' worth of goods.

Recently the music company has been sending advertising circulars to prominent men in various parts of the city. Several complaints were reported to Inspector Cortelyou. Mail to the company was sent to 3800 North Broad street, so the chief inspector sent word to that address requesting the proprietor to appear at his office.

Jordan came and explained that the company sold charts for the instruction of beginners in music. In the course of the conversation he said that he also conducted a stamp business at 27 South Seventeenth street, having moved there in the early fall from 10 South Seventeenth street. Inspector Cortelyou asked when he first entered the stamp business and he said in June, 1912.

Immediately a case which had occupied the attention of his department for several months came to Mr. Cortelyou's mind. In May, 1912, a man hired a lock box at the Ardmore Postoffice and received many registered letters every day for a month. He then turned over the key of the box and disappeared. Immediately after, complaints poured into the inspection department from stamp dealers.

All said they had received orders from William R. Lindsay, of Ardmore, for specimens of rare stamps, to be sent on approval to his postoffice address, Ardmore. All complied, and had received answers, saying that the stamps had arrived and the money would be forwarded in a few days. No money was ever received, and repeated letters brought no reply. Lindsay could never be found. Forty stamp dealers lost stamps valued at more than $600.

Jordan was questioned closely, and at length the young man admitted that he hired the box at Ardmore, under the name of Walter R. Lindsay. He said that financial difficulties had caused him to take this means of raising money.

Bail for the young man, who was only graduated from a private school near this city, was furnished by his aunt, and he was released.

OUR BOOK REVIEW.

1913 Year Book of the S. P. A.—The volume before us is No. 4 in the series published annually under the auspices of the Southern Philatelic Association. It is compiled by the secretary, C. V. Webb, and is free to all members of the Association. The book contains the constitution, rules governing the various departments and proceedings of the 1911 and 1912 conventions. The roll of members indicates a good degree of prosperity and we are pleased at the energy displayed by this organization.

The Postal Issues of the Philippines.—By F. L. Palmer. Published by the J. M. Bartels Co., N. Y. City. No price stated. This book is a very valuable history of the stamps of the Philippine Islands and is reprinted from the *Philatelic Gazette*, where it appeared serially. Major Palmer was situated where he was able to secure a great deal of new and valuable information which coupled with what other authorities furnish makes a history that will prove of great value.

Cayman Islands.—By Fred J. Melville. Published by W. H. Peckitt, London, price 12c. This is the latest of the popular Melville Handbooks and takes its place with the remainder of the set with its handsome pages and text that fully describes the stamps of these Islands.

Philatelic Rambles and Other Papers in Popular Vein.—By Julian Park. In the book before us we have grouped together five papers which Mr. Park describes as "stamp scribblings." Of these four have appeared previously in the columns of American philatelic publication, while one, "The Story of Trinidad," is new. The reprinted chapters are Spanish American "Rambles" from *Everybody's Philatelist*, the "Premier Philatelic Library" from the *American Philatelist* and "The Dalton Local" which appeared first in a college magazine and later reprinted in *Redfield's Weekly*.

While Mr. Park disclaims any superior merit for his contribution to philatelic journalism, we are satisfied that the ninety recipients of the book will appreciate it very highly and with great satisfaction will add it to their libraries. Mr. Park inscribes the book to C. A. Howes in a bit of epigrammatic sentiment:—"A token as small as the esteem is great." We sincerely trust that Mr. Park will in the coming days make further contributions to philatelic journalism along the publishing lines.

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In order that Santa Claus may not forget anyone, kindly drop a card to Mr. W. E. Coburn, 291 Ferry St., Everett, Mass., Chairman of the Entertainment Committee, to say that we may expect you.

Recruiting Committee,
W. E. Coburn, Chairman.

COMMUNICATION.

(We do not hold ourselves responsible for the views expressed by our readers. Our columns are always open for communications of general interest.—Ed.)

To the Editor:—

I have found a minor variefv in the 2c Gov't roll, perforated 8½ horizontally, current issue, with numerals. In a vertical pair which recently came to my hands the top stamp design was moved somewhat to the right, so that the two do not line up at the sides. My attention was called to it by the appearance of what looks like a position dot at lower left hand corner of the upper stamp. The dot just touches the frame line. If the dot was on the lower stamp it certainly was covered by the frame line in making the transfer.

Also secured several pairs Gov't rolls, single line wmk., old design, 1911, on distinct vertical laid paper. I agree with O. S. Hart in what he says of laid papers: "I don't care whether it happened by design or accident; the laid is there just the same," said he. The printers said the same thing about the use of paper watermarked "U. S. I. R."

E. T. Bartlett, of Springfield, Mass., who has been stopping in St. Louis for several weeks, shows me a copy of two cent 1862, with a third form of double transfer. This "shift" occurs in the upper left corner, in which the figure 2 is enclosed in a circle. This circle is single in the normal, but shows a double line to left in the "shift."

Frank E. Goodwin.

WITH THE BOY PHILATELIST.

Edited by BERTRAM W. H. POOLE, Box 231, Altadena, Calif.

We propose to insert upon this page matter that will be of interest to the boy collector. Some two thousand boys are now on our mailing list and it is our desire to come closely in contact with them in such a manner as will be most helpful. Any information desired will be cheerfully rendered through these columns. Do not submit stamps for examination.

THE BEGINNERS' GUIDE.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT STAMPS.

A supplementary service of considerable usefulness, in connection with the postal system of most countries, is that by means of which the sender of a registered package can obtain an official advice of the safe delivery of the package on payment of a small fee. So far as the United States is concerned the registration fee itself is so high—much higher than in any other country—that Uncle Sam throws this service in. Thus if the sender of a registered letter marks the missive "Receipt requested" an official acknowledgment of delivery is returned to him in due course. I believe I am right in stating that in every other country this service forms an extra, though there appears to be no fixed charge. In Great Britain the fee is 5c, which is paid by affixing stamps of this value to a special form provided for the purpose, while in many South American states it is less than 3c.

Nowadays the members of the Universal Postal Union cordially co-operate in making the world's great postal system as complete and useful as possible, and thus most countries offer facilities for obtaining advice of delivery. As already stated in the majority of cases a special fee is charged and as a rule this fee is paid by means of ordinary postage stamps. Some countries issue, or have issued at some time or other, special labels for the payment of this fee and these special stamps have, I believe, to be affixed to the packages respecting which the acknowledgments are required. Where special stamps are not used and the letters are sent to a foreign country they are usually marked "A R" in manuscript.

Outside the few countries in the prolific stamp-producing zone of Central and South America, only one other has deemed it necessary or expedient to issue special A. R. stamps. This solitary exception is Montenegro, which issued its first A. R. label in October, 1895. The facial value of this label was 25 novcics (5c U. S.). A change of currency from novcics and florins to hellers and krone in 1902 resulted in the issue of a new stamp in July. This bore the face value of 25 heller—the equivalent of 10nov—and it was in use for a period of five years during which it was twice overprinted in common with the ordinary postage stamps. In 1907 there was another change of currency, this time to para and krune, and a new A. R. stamp was issued of the value of 25 para. All these labels are lettered in native characters and the only inscription intelligible to the outsider consists of the letters "A R" in the upper corners.

Chili issued a 5c acknowledgment of receipt stamp in 1894 on which the letters "A R" form a prominent part of the design. These letters are an abbreviation of "Avis de paiement" which means, literally, "Advice of payment."

The Republic of Colombia furnishes several examples of these special labels those first issued in 1894 showing the letters "A R" prominently and bearing the facial value of 5c. In 1902 the fee was changed to 10c and the new stamp issued in consequence also has the letters "A R" as the chief feature of the design. In 1904 the fee reverted to 5c and a stamp of similar design to the discarded 10c was issued. Later one of the 5c postage stamps was provisionally converted into an A R label by the application of an overprint of these letters. Later in the same year a stamp of new design was issued and in 1910 another A. R. stamp was issued in connection with the centenary of Independence commemorative issue. On this the letters "AR" occupy an inconspicuous place in the upper corners.

The Colombian department of Antioquia issued a 5c A R stamp in 1902, this being of diamond shape, with the letters "A R" as a bold monogram in the centre. In the following year the color of this label was changed from black on rose paper to slate-green.

Bolivar managed to get along without A R stamps until 1903 when a special label of this sort bearing the value of 20c appeared. Like the contemporary postage stamps of the period it exists in several varieties. In 1904 an entirely new label was issued with the value given as 2c. This was one of a series issued on a gold basis the peso of 100c being equal in value to $1 U. S. currency.

The A. R. stamps of Panama are a veritable philatelic nightmare. At first a handstamp, inscribed "A.R.—COLON—COLOMBIA" in three lines, was used, this being impressed on the ordinary 5c and 10c stamps of 1892 in various colors. In 1902 a new hand-stamp was introduced, this consisting of the letters "A R" in a large oval (which was applied to the same 5c and 10c Panama stamps) and in 1903 variety was introduced by applying this overprint to the first 5c A R stamp of Colombia. As these overprints were all handstamped, they may be found inverted, double, sideways, etc. On occasion, too, they appear to have been used as cancellations. The A R stamps of the republic of Panama are even more complex. At first the Colombian 10c A. R. stamps were used overprinted with several of the handstamps—1st. Panama, 1st. Colon, etc. Then the 5c overprinted stamp was stamped "A R—COLON," this being the old handstamp of 1898 with "COLOMBIA" removed. Later still a new handstamp—"A R—COLON—PANAMA"—was used, and in 1904 a 5c stamp was issued in connection with the permanent set.

Salvador, though a prolific stamp producer in other directions, has been content with but one A. R. label. This was issued in 1897 and bore the facial value of 5c. It is inscribed "AVISO DE RECEPCION" (Advice of Receipt).

SHORT REPLIES.

H. K. (New York).—If, as you say, the mark denominations of Germany generally have two cancellations it can only be because they are of extra large size. (2) The usual Haytian cancellation is circular but the one you mention is frequently found and is a ship cancellation applied on a Dutch mail boat.

E. H. B. (Allentown, Pa.).—I am afraid such a list could not be made sufficiently comprehensive or accurate to be of any permanent value.

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the "frame" has been removed in the reprint, and a single line of color crosses the top of the vignette where it curves up to a point.

These reprints were printed from vignette plate 32, and frame plate 32. The color is designated as dark brown and dark blue. There were 10,000 copies of the reprint made, but only 1981 of them found their way into the outstretched hands of an expectant populace.

The cardboard and India paper proofs form a beautiful addition to the collection, and will, I believe in years to come, be eagerly sought after.

Black cancellations are commonest. Combinations of black and red seem to be easy to secure, too. Pen-cancelled stamps are scarce, and those with only a red postal cancellation seem to be even harder to find. I have seen one or two cancelled in green, and have seen, but do not possess, a copy with Paid cancellation. I have also had the pleasure of seeing a nice copy with "Steamboat" across its face.

(*To be continued.*)

Written for MEKEEL'S WEEKLY.

HIS GRANDFATHER'S LEGACY.

By ARTHUR IRWIN SMITH.

Aloysius was always the black sheep of the family. Perhaps it was a sheer excess of energy and vitality endeavoring to find a natural outlet that caused him always to get into hot water, but at any rate Grandpa Ellsmere could never get along with the bright-eyed and nimble-fingered lad. Grandpa was a gentleman of the old school, seventy years old and possessing a brain that seemingly had not grasped a new idea in a decade. Originality and progression were hateful to him. Stamp collecting was a new hobby to Grandpa, and consequently a thing of particular aversion. That's how Aloysius got himself cut off in the will with a mere mention and a legacy consisting of a garretful of rubbish. Jasper, the older of the two boys and Grandpa's favorite, received a lump bequest of one thousand dollars. His mournful face lighted up with a half-smile when the lawyer read the laudatory and enriching paragraph. The smile broadened when Aloysius' allotment was reached.

"To my grandson, Aloysius Ellsmere, I bequeath the sum of one dollar and the papers, books, and documents reposing in the northwest corner of the garret."

As grandpa was notoriously a poor reader and writer, this legacy was especially humorous. The books consisted of an old blue-backed speller and a common school reader or two; the papers were mostly weekly *Gazettes* from Danville, the county seat; and the documents and letters, of unknown character and quantity, were the accumulated trash of ante-bellum days and the quiet years of Grandpa's later life.

"The old man handed you a lemon, didn't he?" grinned Jasper, when the two boys were alone.

"Oh, I don't know," laughed Aloysius, good-naturedly. "There may be a check for a million hidden away among those old papers."

Afterwards life flowed smoothly on for the two boys. Jasper invested his thousand in the grocery business at Danville, and Aloysius spent his dollar on a new packet of stamps. The books and papers lay in the garret untouched. Some day, thought Aloysius, he would find time to sort them and see just what they were.

Jasper, by close management, saved a few hundred a year from his grocery business. Aloysius resided on the old farm for quite awhile, until finally a nice position was offered him in the city, ninety miles away. Journalism had been his choice of a profession, and at last an opening on the reportorial staff of the *Daily Ledger* had been given him.

The day before the date set for his departure there came the thought of his grandfather's legacy. He had hardly shown him respect, it occurred to him, in neglecting the matter as he had. True, it was probably intended as a slur that he was given the trash; nevertheless, it was his duty to do something with it, arrange that which was of value and destroy the worthless matter. That afternoon he climbed into the rickety, dusty apartment and swung open the lone window. The mess of junk on the floor was appalling. He drew up a large, empty box and began the tedious work of assorting.

The top of the pile was principally a jumbled mess of *Gazettes.* These he threw into the box to be consigned to the fire. An occasional letter he laid aside to be read when he could find nothing better to do, and the few undamaged books were stacked up in a neat pile at one side. Those that were of value he would donate to the public school library.

Near the bottom of the pile of rubbish he caught sight of something that made his heart leap in excitement. It was a queer kind of document with a large blue revenue stamp attached. A closer inspection revealed an old mortgage with a fifteen-dollar imperforated stamp attached. "Twenty-five dollars catalogue value," murmured Aloysius, whose collection had always lacked this particular gem.

Grandpa Ellsmere had long been a country 'squire or justice of the peace, and none of the papers and documents he had handled had ever been destroyed. Here were hundreds upon hundreds of old papers of the period of 1860 to 1870, each bearing its quota of revenue stamps. Some were quite common, but among the lot were enough rare ones to make Aloysius open his eyes wide in surprise. Jasper's legacy was nothing in comparison. The actual net cash value of the stamps in the garret would be double that amount.

Until late in the night Aloysius worked, carefully detaching the rare adhesives and occasionally preserving them on the entire original documents. An extra suit-case was required next day to transport his treasures to the city. A week of his spare time was taken up in assorting them and looking up their value, then those he did not need in his own collection he carried around to a leading dealer.

That gentleman adjusted his nose-glasses and ran leisurely through the lot. "Quite a nice bunch," he observed. "What do you want for the lot?"

"Fifteen hundred dollars," replied Aloysius coolly.

The dealer threw up his hands in deprecation and went through the usual tactics of beating down the bargain. Aloysius had expected something like this, and he was very well satisfied when the deal was finally closed for eleven hundred dollars cash. His legacy from Grandpa Ellsmere had turned out to be considerably more valuable than Jasper's. Not only had it brought in a hundred dollars more in cash, but there were many hundred dollars worth of stamps in his own collection that must be included.

Quick-eyed, energetic Aloysius made a brilliant success of his work in the city, but his busiest days were never too busy to admit a few minutes recreation with his well-filled album of philatelic treasures. Jasper plodded along in Danville, his grocery business growing slowly but surely, but never did he equal the progress of his wide-awake brother. The matter of Grandpa's preference in making his will was never again discussed between them, but sometimes there came the thought to Aloysius that perhaps, after all, there was more design than luck in the matter. His grandfather, despite his seeming lack of sympathy, may have come to realize that many of Aloysius' hobbies were not mere child's play and may have suspected the possibilities of the rubbish in the garret. In life too stubborn to admit his mistake, in his will he perhaps attempted to atone for his harshness against something he did not thoroughly understand.

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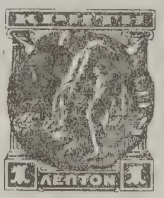
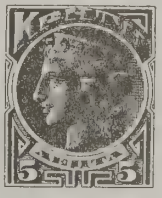
By FRED. J. MELVILLE.

The postal adhesive issues of Crete reflect the troublous times the island has passed through during the short period since stamps were first issued in 1898. The first stamp for postage in the island was, curiously enough, issued under the direction of British officers during the temporary occupation of the province of Candia. Major W. E. Fairholme, Assistant British Commissioner was entrusted by the British authorities in the island with the establishment of the postal service, and he was assisted by Herr J. Berinda, the official in charge of the Austrian Post-office in Candia, whose office became the headquarters of the island post. The stamp issued is a crude label with colourless Greek characters on a ground of colour, the impressions being struck separately by hand in bright violet. This stamp was for temporary use only, and 3,000 are said to have been struck off in all; of these 1,000 are stated to have been purchased as a speculation by a captain, afterwards admiral, in the British Navy. The block from which the stamps were struck was destroyed on Jan. 20, 1899, in the presence of Sir Herbert Chermside, British Military Commissioner, Major Fairholme, Sir A. Biliotti, his Britannic Majesty's Consul-General, and Herr J. Berinda.

The crude first stamp was replaced by the familiar square stamps (10 and 20 parades), lithographed in Athens towards the end of 1898. In the following year the history of the British post was repeated in the Russian sphere of administration. Beginning on May Day, 1899, with two crudely designed stamps (1 and 2 metallik), struck separately with a hand stamp, the Russian authorities also procured a lithographed issue from Athens, which stamps began to be issued in June.





Following upon the establishment of the joint protectorate, the Cretan authorities began to display their kinship with the Greeks by reviving the symbols and emblems of their ancient history. M. Svoronos, the director of the National Numismatic Museum, was entrusted with the arrangement of a scheme of stamp designs, the subjects of which were chiefly drawn from ancient Cretan coinage. "It was, above all," say the authorities, in an official circular, "the postage stamps of the new autonomous State which bore witness to the love the Cretans feel for the symbols and emblems of their ancestors." The stamps are beautiful examples of miniature engraving. On the one lepton and fifty lepta are depicted Hermes, after a coin of a Cretan city noted for the beauty of its coinage. The messenger of the gods is bending to the left and donning his left sandal, his chlamys hangs from his shoulder, and his caduceus rests against a rock. The old-time artist had been inspired by the Odyssey, and the local authorities expressed their satisfaction with the stamp in the question, "Could one conceive a more beautiful emblem for the international and overseas postal service?" The five and twenty lepta stamps show the goddess Hera, the chosen one of Zeus, the subject being taken from a silver two-drachmai coin of Gnossus.

The design of the one-drachme stamp is meant to symbolise the domestic post, and depicts Talos, the guardian of the island, from a coin of Phæstos. This mythical winged man of brass, the work of Hephæstos, made a journey round the island thrice daily, and his protection consisted in keeping a look-out for any strangers who threatened to land. He had the power of making himself red-hot, and embracing such intruders to death. The figure of Minos, the lawgiver, from a coin of Gnossus, is shown on the two-drachmai stamp, the intention being to symbolise the principles guiding the new regime in Crete, Minos being "the wisest, the most just, and most kindly of all kings and lawgivers, a truly divine man, who became the symbol of a well-governed State."

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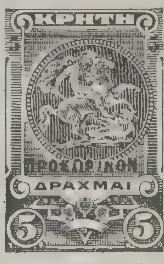
sequent to their freedom from foreign yoke, compared him (Prince George) from the first to the heroes of profane and Christian Greece, who, by the extermination of bandits and barbarians were the deliverers of Greece." The highest denomination in the set, the 5 drachmai was a further exemplification of this imagination, and, incidentally, a compliment to the design on the English gold coinage, for it was from this source that the device of St. George and the Dragon was taken. The English coin was chosen not only because it was readily accessible, but because it was considered the most artistic representation of St. George known, having evidently been inspired by the fine horsemen of the frieze of the Parthenon in the British Museum.



A later series of stamps (1905) is also replete with ancient lore, and is a very handsome set of engravings. The subjects taken from coins and seals include Artemis, Britomartis, Cydon, Ariadne, Europa, and Jupiter; there are also a portrait of Prince George and a view of the historic monastery of Arcadion, with Mount Ida, capped with the sparkle of eternal snows, in the background. The mountain, 6,000 ft. high, was associated with Zeus, who was supposed to have been born in a cave in Mount Ida but the monastery's chief claim to interest lies in an incident in the insurrections against the Turks in 1866. Figures differ in various accounts, but it is claimed that, after an herioc defense by 900 Greeks and Cretans, including women and children, against 22,000 Turkish and Egyptian soldiers, the former blew themselves up, together with a large number of the enemy. In the words of the postal pamphleteer, "it was the glorious Missolonghi of Crete."

A number of stamps of very crude design appeared in 1905 and later, purporting to be issued by the Revolutionary Government. An alleged figure of Victory is the device of one series; an allegory of "Crete enslaved" is set off in another series by a portrait of King George of Greece; and a third set bears a broken outline, which gives play to a very lively imagination before it can be accepted as being intended by its designers to represent a "map of Crete."
—*London Telegraph.*

NEWS GLEANINGS.

—Clippings have been acknowledged with thanks from Edw. W. Bridge, Russell L. Stultz, H. E. Bonsall, E. Tuckermann, E. A. Young, H. Clark Jarrett (3), John J. Clancy, Edgar B. Bissinger, Elbert B. Charman, W. R. Harrison, Hugo Kuenstler (6), Geo. M. Schaefer (2).

—We have received from Whitfield King & Co. their annual pricelist of postage stamps in packets and sets. It makes a very substantial book and will no doubt be furnished on request.

—Geo. M. Schaefer sends us a newspaper clipping with crude illustrations of two of the new Bulgarian stamps with the following inscription underneath:—"The New Stamps which Bulgaria has just put into Circulation for the Conquered Countries".

—The new nickel, with an artistic Indian head on the face, will be in circulation, according to the expectations of the Treasury Department, by February 1. Secretary MacVeagh has definitely accepted the design. Within a few days an order will be given the mints to begin making the new coin.

—R. Louis Payne writing us from Barbados states that while the 1sh King's head is temporarily exhausted a further supply has been ordered and is expected by early mail.

—Silas Weatherby & Co., Elyria, O., have had a singular experience with C. E. Crandall, Belmont, N. Y., the particulars of which are worth noting. Asking Mr. Crandall for returns on an approval selection sent him, the latter replied that none had been received, but a week later wrote that a friend had taken the stamps and that he would try and locate them. A subsequent letter contained a remittance for part of the stamps retained.

—L. C. Hooper, of Winnipeg, advises us that the Philatelic Society of Natal will hold a South African Philatelic Exhibition at Durban in July 1913. Great interest is being aroused in South Africa and India and a successful exhibition is anticipated. Mr. Hooper states that his correspondent advises him that all Natal stamps are now obsolete and Cape and Transvaal stamps are being used in Natal until the new Union issue is ready. We are indebted to Mr. Hooper for a clipping giving a ruling of the Canadian P. O. Dept. that stamps other than those used for postage must go upon the backs of envelopes.

—"I have just received the following from the Third Assistant Postmaster General, which may be of interest to your readers:—'In answer to your letter of December 4th, you are advised that no steps have been taken to issue the forthcoming Panama-Pacific postage stamps imperforate'."—JAS. LEWIS HOWE.

—Alvah G. Clark, 285 Spring St., Trenton, N. J., would like to know the present whereabouts of A. Wollenhaupt, Jr. formerly 51 Mercer St., N. Y. City, and 240 Carroll St., Brooklyn. Interested parties will please write.

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COMMUNICATION.

(We do not hold ourselves responsible for the views expressed by our readers. Our columns are always open for communications of general interest.—Ed.)

TO THE EDITOR:—

I have just run across the following in the *P. J. of A.* "* * * the recent discovery that the 10c, lithographed, of the Confederate States was printed not only by Hoyer & Ludwig of Richmond, Virginia, but also by J. T. Paterson & Co. of Augusta, Georgia, the only evidence of which fact is the imprint of the latter firm on a part of a sheet of this stamp, lately found."

It seems to have been recently discovered that just before the close of the war Confederate notes were printed at Augusta, and a few months ago it was intimated to me as not improbable that stamps might have been printed there also, but this would have been the engraved issue. Why should the old lithographic plate have been again brought into use? Can any reader throw light on this matter?

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THE INTERNATIONAL BAN.

By L. C. Hooper.

That the international ban has been placed on special or commemorative stamps is the gist of a semi-official statement just sent out through the Canadian Govt. authorities. The despatch in question, of vital interest to stamp collectors, is as follows:—

"Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 9.—The post-office department has been notified by postal administrations of many of the leading countries forming part of the postal union, that their regulations will not allow them to recognize special commemorative stamps, or stamps sold or distributed in aid of patriotic or commemorative purposes, and that all letters or other aricles of mail matter bearing such stamps, will be returned to the country from which they were sent.

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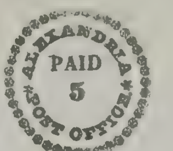

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HOW TO BECOME A STAMP DEALER.

By Washington Grant.

Chapter VI.—*A Satisfied Patron.*

Having secured your customer, the next step is to retain him and this next step is an important one, because a customer once disgusted is much harder to get back again than a new man who has never traded with you before. In the first place, in filling your orders from advertisements, be certain that the stamps are exactly as advertised or even better if possible. In case any slip or mistake is made, or there is any cause for complaint by the customer, or even if there is a misunderstanding which seems to be wholly the customer's own fault, take pains to adjust the matter to his satisfaction and do not be at all backward about refunding his money if he demands it. If an unreasonable customer who starts in by complaining, he will sometimes become ashamed of himself and when he has found that you intend to treat him not only reasonable but liberally, will shake his grouch and meet you half way.

Having satisfied your customer on his first order, the next step is to sell him more stamps. A great many dealers send unsolicited approval selections. This practice has been so much abused, that there is a strong sentiment against it among collectors to-day. It is much better, in the writer's opinion, to ask your new customer if you may not submit a selection on approval and if necessary enclose a stamped envelope or even a postal card for reply. This course enables you to find out what grade of stamps and what countries are most likely to interest him and not only avoid any resentment at being the recipient of an unsolicited lot, but also obviates the necessity of his looking over a lot of stamps in which he may not be interested at all.

The practise of submitting approval selections unsolicited is un-business-like from another point of view, in that you run considerable risk, unless you know pretty well who your new customer is. This matter of submitting approval selections will, however, be treated more fully in a future chapter.

In the matter of "unsolicited" approval selections, however, it should be emphasized that there is a difference between submitting general lots of approval books and sheets and sending for inspection stamps which you know a collector is likely to need or be specially interested in. Practically all collectors, after they get into business relations with a dealer, like to see any special things that may come in along their favorite lines and it is a general practise of practically all dealers to submit either single stamps or special lots of this sort to their customers, many of whom would feel slighted if they did not have a chance at any good new lots acquired by the dealer, even if they had not given a definite order to have that particular lot submitted. This practise is a usual and highly satisfactory one to both sides and should not be confused with the sending out of promiscuous, unjudged, unsolicited approvals.

In another chapter, we will treat of the second way for the new stamp dealer to make customers by spreading a knowledge of philately and creating new collectors in the outside world.

Chapter VII.—*"Making Collectors."*

In a previous chapter we treated some of the ways in which the stamp dealer gets new trade by appealing to stamp collectors who are already interested in the hobby. An even larger field exists for the dealers who create their own customers by interesting outsiders in stamp collecting. Of course, this method takes more time and patience than it does to simply appeal to collectors who are already interested and no dealer can expect to make a fortune at once by creating beginners.

This missionary work, as it has become to be called, is however, an essential part of a successful stamp business and the most successful firms to-day in this country are those which have recognized this fact. Many collectors, after a while lose interest in their hobby and a certain proportion drop off in time. New blood, of course, is being constantly added to the ranks of Philately, but every dealer should systematically do everything he can, not only to encourage this natural method of collecting, but to force it.

Out of 100,000,000 people in the United States to-day, there are probably not over 50,000 collectors each year who spend $1.00 or more on their hobby. Of course, this does not mean that there are only 50,000 people in the country who have stamp collections, as a great many collectors are spasmodic, buying stamps for a year or two and then laying their albums aside for a year or two, or even for a longer period. On the basis of these figures, only one person out of every 2,000 in the United States each year is active as a stamp collector. This portion is absurdly small.

The collecting instinct exists in a great many people. In fact, the majority of human beings have it in some degree. If a larger proportion of these people could be turned from collecting useless uninstructive oddities, such as buttons, cigar bands, etc., the results to philately would be enormous. It would seem as if, with united effort, it would be easy to get ten per cent. of the people of the United States to collect stamps. This would mean a million active collectors, in place of the present 50,000!

We will not, however, ask for ten per cent. but if only one person in a thousand can be interested, the result will be 100,000 active collectors, or twice the present number, which would mean the biggest boom that stamp collecting has ever seen and a sharp rise in the value of every existing stamp collection.

While this article is for those interested in stamp dealing, it may be said incidentally that if every reader of this paper would take his common duplicates, put them in envelopes and distribute them to the boys of his acquaintance, with a little explanation about the fun there is to be had in stamp collecting, several thousand new collectors could be created at once and at practically no expense.

What collectors can do and in many cases already have done in this way for the general good of the hobby and to increase the value of their own collections, every dealer should do on a larger scale to increase his own business. The boys and the girls are the first ones to appeal to. Grown people who do not know about stamp collecting are very hard to approach at first, although this difficulty is much less than it used to be, since there have been so many intelligent articles on philately published in the papers and magazines the last few years. The child's mind is fresh, the stamps appeal to him, and in most cases he has the collecting instinct. After the boy gets interested, the parent is usually appealed to for assistance in classifying the stamps and thus the boy has become the unconscious teacher of his father. In hundreds of

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EDITORIAL.

Everybody Happy—To all of our readers we extend the compliments of the season; and we trust that this Christmas will be a royally merry one for all our friends. Those readers who have contributed to the cheer of the "shut-ins" by their gifts of stamps may know that their goodness has been effective and that their benefactions were gratefully received by sufferers all over the country. Our part in bringing together the giver and the recipient has occasioned us no little satisfaction and it is a comforting thought that the plan has culminated so successfully. It is to be added that the Christmas hamper has been hailed as a most timely and convenient aid to holiday giving and many a young philatelic heart will beat the faster through our adoption of the hamper suggestion, conveyed to us by a reader some weeks ago.

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All Ready—Space will be given elsewhere to the official notice of parcel post stamps in which all particulars are detailed. The descriptions of the parcel post stamps and the parcel post due stamps are supplemented by information of much interest. It is noticed that "The department will issue parcel-post stamps and parcel-post due stamps to postmasters in sheets of 45; but so few as ten of the 50-c, 75-c and $1 stamps will be supplied to posmasters if desired." These special stamps may not be used interchangeably with the ordinary issue and as has been said before, all fourth-class matter should be paid by the parcel-post stamps. Instructions as to the workings and information as to the limitations of the special service have appeared in practically all of the newspapers of the country. Consultation of a map of the zones shows that the highest postage for eleven pounds, the limit of weight, is $1.32, in the last or eighth zone. The chief clerk of the post office department sells this map at cost price or twenty cents, when addressed at Washington. To find the size limit of the package, it is directed that the sender take a piece of string seventy-two inches long and wind it around the package and then across the top lengthways. If the ends of the string reach the sides of the parcel, it comes under the limit. Our post-office department is to be congratulated in having so capably transacted all the preliminary details of parcel-post service and posterity will have reason to remember gratefully, the retiring postal administration.

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Call a Halt—What has become of the old-fashioned collector who says that he can prove and that some day he will do so that the Utah stamps, portrait of Brigham Young, were really used by the Mormon authorities of old Deseret? Is he standing with reluctant feet where Early Creek and Salt River meet with the o. f. c. who once made a big find of five-cent, 1847, which he sold to a dealer for two dollars a hundred to be taken out in exchange? Eftsoons, what has become of the old-fashioned dealer who gave his best customers their choice of the arms, flags or portraits of rulers of the nations of the world, as a Christmas present? Has he taken a vacation with the o. f. d. who marked the prices of his best stamps on their backs with an indelible pencil? Note: W. B., usually a man of peace wishes to know where the o. f. something or other is who penned a moustache on Washington on a ten-cent 1847 that he came into possession of recently.

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Old Argus-Eyes.—Sinpod, the stamp sage says that he has espied a collector whose Hawaiian numerals which he had in his first collection have not turned out to be counterfeit: A philatelist who never had any difficulty in detecting the watermark in the postage due, 1895 issue: A collector who does not keep all the used special delivery stamps that he receives on his mail and a collector who does not hope to uncover some early unused U. S., at a little country post-office.

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What Next—Problem of conduct. Sitting next to a quiet gentleman at a stamp auction where the prices are running all too low, you say to him, really with no thought in mind but to be agreeable, at a time when the slaughter is at its height: "I pity the poor owner; but it serves him right for not giving more attention to condition. I wonder how he feels?" "Why," returns the gentleman addressed, a bit uncertainly, "I happen to be the owner." What are you to do? Apologize or absquatulate or shrink into nothingness? and just then, the auctioneer, looking directly in your direction, says loudly: "No talking, gentleman."

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Cruelty to Stamps—Mr. Myron T. Jones, Washington, D. C., declares: "No sir, the collector who used to string his stamps has not gone out of existence. I have in mind my next door neighbor who is a lady of about fifty. She had begun by stringing the stamps that came on the daily mail. A minister visiting a convention in her town heard that she had a collection (if such it could be called) and asked her to give the collection for the purpose of sending an old woman to some home. At that time, she was a girl of about twelve; and she replied that she would make a collection if he would ask his friends to send her all the stamps they could get. This he did and the packets began coming in by the hundreds from all over the United States; this kept up for a year and she wondered why the minister did not come for the collection. She had been assorting them by stringing the different values on strings and when the minister did make his appearance, it was only to inform her that some other disposition had been made of the old woman and that she could have the stamps if she wanted them. She had received ninety thousand by this time (she counted them by placing a hundred on a pin and measuring them likewise). She has sold about sixty dollars' worth but still has about twenty thousand, some on strings and some unstrung, with little holes in the middle."

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New Color For New Value—Mr. Frank L. Applegate, Klamath Falls, Oregon, has sent the following letter to the Third Assistant Postmaster-General, —too late for action, it must be said: "As the 75-cent parcel-post stamp soon to be issued will be an entirely new denomination in the United States, it is wholly fitting that it should be in a color quite new and distinctive. I am a stamp collector who for years has made a study of the colors in which United States stamps are printed—as an amateur, of course—and should like to suggest a color for the new denomination if you will permit me; and provided, of course, that the stamps are not already being printed. The peculiar dark orange red of the stamp of the American Rapid Telegraph Company, twenty-cent, appended hereto, has never been used for a United States postage stamp, and I beg to submit it for your consideration."

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Philatelic Favorite—When, in years gone by, we saw names such as Phil A. Teley, R. O. U. Lette, Ann Tigua, Sur Charge, etc., attached to articles in the philatelic press, it was always our assumption that the names were not real ones but clever creations of philatelic fancy. We change our mind, upon having our attention called to the fact that a newspaper says that Mr. Ad Hesive from Paw Paw Lake, Michigan, was enjoying himself while visiting in Kalamazoo. We have some recollection of a Mr. R. E. Prints as a stamp collector.

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Office of Second Asst. P. M. Gen.,
WASHINGTON, Dec. 6, 1912.

Letters for the City of Shanghai specially addressed via Siberia or via Europe and Siberia or otherwise to indicate the trans-Siberian route are subject to the postal union postage rate of 5 cents for the first ounce and 3 cents for each additional ounce or fraction of an ounce. Such letters are not delivered through the Postal Agency at Shanghai, but under the postal union regulations are delivered through the German or British post offices in the City of Shanghai.

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Postmasters are instructed to cause due notice of the foregoing to be taken at their offices, and paragraph 7 (a), on page 124 of the July Guide for 1912, should be modified accordingly.

JOSEPH STEWART,
Second Asst. P. M. Gen.

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Abyssinia 1902, ¼, ½, 1, 2, 4, 8, 16g unused	$3.50
Azores 1894, Don Henry 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100r unused	1.10
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New Caledonia 1903 "Cinquantenaire" 1, 2, 5, 5 unused	.12
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1911, ½, 1, 2, 2½, 5, 6d, 1s unused	2.50
Straits on Labuan 4 on 12, 4 on 16, 4 on 18, 8c and 10c unused	.60
Panama 1903, small surcharged 1st issue, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c, 1 peso, unused	6.00
Panama 1901, 1c on 20c, 2c on 50, 5c on 1p	.12
1901, same in blks of 4, showing 5c on 1p both sides reading down	2.00
Philippines 1906, 10c, 12c, 16c unused	.45
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2. The *parcel-post stamps* measure 1 by 1½ inches between perforation lines. The color is red for all denominations. In a curved panel across the top, supported by a paneled perpendicular column at each end, appear the words "U. S. Parcel Post" in Roman capital letters. Triangular ornaments occupy both upper corners. The denomination in large numerals is in each lower corner with the title of the subject and the word "Cents" (or "Dollar") between. The subjects of the several denominations are:

1c, "Post Office Clerk."
2c, "City Carrier."
3c, "Railway Postal Clerk."
4c, "Rural Carrier."
5c, "Mail Train."
10c, "Steamship and Mail Tender."
15c, "Automobile Service."
20c, "Aeroplane Carrying Mail."
25c, "Manufacturing."
50c, "Dairying."
75c, "Harvesting."
$1, "Fruit-growing."

3. The *parcel-post due stamps* are 1 by 1½ inches between perforation lines. The color is green for all denominations. In a horizontal panel across the top are the words "U. S. Parcel Post," and in a similar panel at the bottom, "Postage Due," in Roman capital letters. In the center, upon a background of lathework, and within a circular frame, is a large numeral expressing the denomination. The upper half of the circular frame carries the denomination in words which are repeated in the lower half, except that the words expressing the denomination appear but once upon the 25c stamp. Small numerals of denomination are on both sides of the large central numeral. The due stamps are issued in 1, 2, 5, 10 and 25 cent denominations.

4. All postmasters will be sent a supply of parcel-post and of parcel-post due stamps without requisition, to reach them on or before January 1, 1913.

5. To secure additional supplies postmasters should draw requisition upon the blank spaces in the new consolidated Form 3201, writing the words "Parcel Post" plainly opposite each denomination desired.

6. Pending the filling of requisitions postmasters may, if necessary, purchase temporary supplies from neighboring post-offices (paragraph 5, Section 331, P. L. and R.); but such purchases should be avoided, if possible, by timely requisitions upon the Department for needed stamp supplies. Postmasters who sell stamps to other postmasters must report their value to the First Assistant Postmaster General, Division of Salaries and Allowances, under the provisions of the 1912 Postal Guide, page 43, paragraphs 75 and 76.

7. The Department will issue parcel-post stamps and parcel-post due stamps to postmasters in sheets of 45; but so few as ten of the 50c, 75c and $1 stamps will be supplied to postmasters if desired.

8. The value of parcel-post and parcel-post due stamps handled should be included in postmasters' quarterly stamp accounts rendered to this office.

9. Beginning January 1, 1913, ordinary postage stamps will not be valid for payment of postage on mail matter of the fourth class, nor will the regular postage due stamps be valid for the collection of postage on short-paid matter of the fourth class.

10. Parcel-post stamps and parcel-post due stamps are not valid for payment of postage or postage due on matter of the first, second or third class.

11. Matter of the first, second and third classes bearing parcel-post stamps, and, beginning January 1, 1913, matter of the fourth class bearing ordinary postage stamps will be treated as "Held for postage." (Section 571, P. L. and R.)

12. Parcel-post due stamps are designed to witness collection of postage on short-paid matter of the fourth class and they are not valid for prepayment of postage and must not be sold to the public. (Section 134, P. L. and R.)

JAMES J. BRITT,
Third Asst. P. M. Gen.

1c STAMP FOR CITY MAIL.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—Senator Boies Penrose, of Pennsylvania, former chair of the Senate Committee on Postoffices and Post Roads, introduced a bill extending to large cities and towns with free mail delivery service a 1-cent first-class postage rate on local letters. Mr. Penrose said he thought his bill would become law in the present session and that it would work a great economy for business houses in the larger cities.

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The design of the new stamps is originally Greek, being an artist's adaptation of an idea furnished by the director of the Numismatic Musuem at Athens. Above the four capital cities floats the same luminous cloud wherein a fiery cross appears with the inscription: "In hoc signo vinces." It will be a crusade stamp.—*Washington Star.*

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3c dull purple and orange (No.14), mint, Price	.04
Seychelles, 1901	
3c on 10c (No. 29), cat. 35c, mint	.18
3c on 36c (No. 31), cat. 25c "	.12
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76	5c brown, 1862	.75	.30
77	15c black, "	.90	.35
78	24c lilac, "	.60	.25
90	12c black, 1867, 11x13	.85	.35
95	5c brown, " 9x13	5.00	2.00
96	10c green " "	1.00	.40
97	12c black " "	.75	.30
113	2c brown, 1869	.20	.08
114	3c blue, "	.05	.02
115	6c blue, "	.85	.35
117	12c green, "	.90	.40
120	24c green and purple, 1869	5.00	2.00
121	30c blue and carmine "	3.50	1.50
122	90c black and carmine "	15.00	6.00
149	7c vermilion, 1871	.75	.25
151	12c violet, "	.50	.20
152	15c orange, "	.75	.25
153	24c purple	1.50	.65
160	7c vermilion, 1873	.75	.30
162	12c violet, "	.60	.25
163	15c orange	1.25	.50
261	$1 black, 1894	1.50	.65
276	$1 black, 1895	.50	.20
311	$1 black, 1902	.40	.15
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516	3c Interior	.10	.04
519	12c Interior	.40	.15
*546	Postoffice, perfect	.40	.15
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581	90c Treasury	.60	.25
*586	7c War	2.00	.75
588	12c War	.30	.10
*589	15c War	.35	.12
*515	2c Interior, block 4	.40	.20
*574	6c Treasury, block 4	1.00	.50
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UNITED STATES.—Harvey E. Nichols, writing from Ohio, reports that parcels post stamps have been received at his postoffice. He does not describe the design, the values seen being the 1c, 2c, 5c, and 25c and 1c and 5c postage dues. They reached the office December 3, as evidently the distribution begun December 3 or earlier. Mr. Nichols reports the following plate numbers:

Postage—1c, 6199, 6200, 6201, 6202; 2c, 6180, 6182, 6181, 6183; 5c, 6211, 6212, 6214, 6217; 25c, 6174.

Postage Due—1c, 6227; 5c, 6229.

The Rev. J. Dreyer writes: "Re U. S. 1c Official Savings Mail, purple, as noted on page 379, column 1 (Nov. 23), of MEKEEL'S WEEKLY, allow me to state that plate number 5656 is very likely the one from which these stamps were printed. I have seen a sheet of 100 stamps, of which nearly all the lower line stamps showed such marks about the ceriph. I also possess a vertical strip of three stamps with such marks."

George A. Chandler reports having seen the 1c, 1912 with plate number 6005.

D. H. Graham reports having received a 2c envelope, die A, size 8, watermarked "U S S E—1911," with the new knife, the first seen outside of sizes 5 or 13.

Geo. E. Virden shows us a 2c envelope, size 7, on amber, which has two blanks made up into one envelope, as was noted in No. 1144. Both blanks are stamped and have the return card printed on, but only one is gummed.

Franks Kocher shows two covers mailed in Pittsburgh, Pa., December 5, but which are dated "1913." One was postmarked at 7 p. m., and the other at 8 p. m. so that the wrong date was in use for at least an hour. How many letters were dated a year ahead of time there is no means of knowing.

AITUTAKI.—W. H. Peckitt and the New England Stamp Co. have shown us the 2½d, Lake Wakatipu stamp of New Zealand, surcharged in red as before. The stamp, however, is printed in a deeper shade of blue, is perforated 13 and the gum is changed in color, being darker and more opaque.

ARGENTINE.—George J. Carter sends us specimens of the 10p and 20p stamps of the 1899 issue. These stamps were used in the same manner as the United States newspaper stamps were used, for prepaying large shipments of newspapers. The stamps were attached to the blank or receipt, and cancelled by the word "Chancelado" punched through both stamps and receipt. This hardly bears out the footnote in Scott's Catalogue.

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AUSTRALIA.—The *Australian Philatelist* says:—

"Within a comparatively short time the Postmaster-General hopes to be able to supply the public with new stamps. The design, as originally selected, had in it what looked like a turnip top before a kangaroo. Mr. Frazer, the Postmaster-General, said it was kangaroo grass, but so much exception was taken to it that he had a die cast from which this has been eliminated, and a shaded ground put in. The stamp has been improved thereby. Specimens in the various colours have been submitted and approved. Mr. Frazer has issued orders for the printing of a large supply. We have, however, received a communication from the Acting-Secretary of the Postmaster-General's department, stating that there has been no material change in the design of the stamp, other than that the word 'Postage' has been inserted under the word 'Australia'."

AZORES.—W. H. Peckitt has shown us the full set of stamps of the mother country, surcharged "Acores" for use in this Colony. All surcharges are in black, except on the ½c.

BAHAMAS.—W. H. Peckitt sends us the 1sh King George stamp, previously chronicled.

BARBADOS.—W. H. Peckitt shows us the full set of the new King George stamps for this Colony, chronicled some time since.

BECHUANALAND PROTECTORATE.—W. H. Peckitt and the New England Stamp Co. have shown us the 1d King George stamp of Great Britain, surcharged "Bechuanaland—Protectorate" for use in this Colony, the surcharge being like that of 1904-08. The stamp used for surcharging is type II, but with the old watermark.

Adhesive.
On stamps of Great Britain.
1d scarlet; black surcharge.

BOSNIA.—W. H. Peckitt shows us the full set recently chronicled.

CANADA.—Whitfield King & Co. say in their Monthly List: Sundry philatelic journals having announced the forthcoming appearance of a new commemorative set of stamps, we addressed an enquiry to the Post Office Department at Ottawa, to which we have received the following reply:—

"I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your favour of the 30th ultimo, on the subject of a special set of postage stamps to be issued in Canada to commemorate the Centenary of Sir George Etienne Cartier. I may say that some consideration has been given to this matter, but no decision has, as yet, been arrived at."

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CEYLON.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us the new King George stamps for the Island, the design being the same as the current Gold Coast stamps, the figures of value being all in color on a white ground, and the inscriptions at the sides reading "Postage—& Revenue." "Ceylon" is much larger type than has been hitherto used, and the effect is not good. The figures of value are also bolder, which gives the stamps a crowded look.

Adhesives.

2c brown orange.
3c green.
5c red violet.
6c scarlet.
10c gray green.
15c dark ultramarine.
25c orange and blue.
30c green and black.
50c black and carmine.
1r purple on yellow.
2r black and red on yellow.

CHINA.—Whitfield King & Co. have now shown us the $5 value with the new Republic surcharge described in Nos. 1135 and 1137.

CYPRUS.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us the 10pa value of the King George set.

Adhesive.

10pa orange and green.

GERMAN SOUTH WEST AFRICA.—Mr. Schachne reports the 5pf card with the usual divided face form.

GAMBIA.—Whitfield King & Co. report that they have been officially informed that the stock of King Edward stamps was destroyed by fire on the afternoon of Aug. 31, 1912.

GREAT BRITIAN.—W. H. Peckitt has shown us the ½d and 1d King George stamps, in both types I and II, but on paper with the new watermark. Those of type I, Mr. Peckitt says, are only to be found in the little stamp booklets sold by the postoffices, while those of type II are only to be found in the rolls of stamps.

GUADELOUPE.—Mr. Morse has a card that while it has been in use for a long time, we have not seen mentioned. It is the card of 1901 with the horizontal rectangular stamp like those on the low values of the 1905 set of adhesives.

Post Card.

10c dull red on bluish.

JAMAICA.—William L. Aldrich and Arthur Abbott have shown us specimens of the new 6d King George stamp, chronicled last week. W. H. Peckitt also shows us the 2d and 1sh King George values, previously chronicled.

NICARAGUA.—Hermann Focke shows us a new envelope from this country, the stamp being surface printed, design and color being the same as the current postage issue.

Envelope.

10c brown on white.

NORTHERN NIGERIA.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us several values of the King George stamps for this Protectorate.

Adhesives.

½d green.
1d scarlet.
2d gray.
3d violet on yellow.
4d black and red on yellow.
6d lilac and mauve.

SOMALILAND PROTECTORATE.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us the 1a and 1r values of the new King George set, the higher value being in the large size, Scott's type A2.

Adhesives.

1a scarlet.
1r gray green.

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us the 10c value in the King George series.

Adhesive.

10c violet on yellow.

Johore.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us the 5c, 8c and 25c of the current series, on paper watermarked multiple quatrefoil or flower.

TASMANIA.—As announced in No. 1144, the 2d of 1905-08 has been surcharged "One Penny," like the Victoria 2d announced some time since. We are indebted to F. W. Reid for specimens. The stamps used are from the original die measuring 32½ mm. in length, Mr. Reid having sent us specimens perforated 12½ and 11. The overprinting is in red, the type used being small italic caps, without a period. Mr. Reid says that the issue was smaller than the similar issue for Victoria. The pairs submitted included the defective printing which shows a white mark under the right tablet containing the figure of value, the mark being more pronounced on the stamps perforated 12½ than on the otherwise. The defective stamp is the sixth stamp from the top in the second vertical row.

Provisional Adhesive.

"One Penny" on 2d purple.

VENEZUELA.—Hermann Focke sends us specimens of the new official stamps reported some time since. There are five values, the colors of the three lower values being the same as in the previous set, but the others are changed. The design is materially changed, the seven stars over the Arms having been removed, and the horse in the lower field is running toward the left, instead of standing facing the right with head turned backward. The tablets containing the figures of value have been enlarged and now extend to the margin of the stamp, and the figures themselves are larger than before. The new stamps have this imprint in place of the familiar New York imprint: "Lit y Tip del Commercio, Caracas."

Official Adhesives.

5c green and black.
10c carmine and black.
25c ultramarine and black.
50c purple and black.
1b yellow and black.

VICTORIA.—W. H. Peckitt and the New England Stamp Co. have shown us a reissue of the current 1c stamp, but in a deeper shade of carmine, and perforated 13. Evidently the 1d provisional recently issued was soon exhausted.

THINK IT OVER.

By S. M. REED.

There are a great many collectors whose limited means prevent them from patronizing the various new issue services; at the same time the better class of dealers do not put penny stamps on their approval sheets. For these reasons many collections are years behind in the low value stamps. In my own case I find it easier to get low values for the years 1900–1905 than for 1910.

I would suggest that if dealers would begin at once offering variety packets of used stamps issued in 1912, and do the same thing in 1913 they would find a ready sale for stamps that later would be regarded as almost worthless. This may be an impracticable idea, as I am not at all acquainted with the conditions of the stamp market.

STAMPS FOR ASCENSION.

A special issue of postage stamps will shortly be made for the solitary island of Ascension, a diminutive coaling station in mid-Atlantic, which is controlled by the Board of Admiralty and administered like a man of war. The population consists of the crew of seamen and marines, their wives and families and the staff of the Eastern Telegraph station. Although Ascension has been included in the Universal Postal Union since 1896 no special stamps have as yet been issued those of Great Britain having been employed throughout. The reason for this, is that the postal service is conducted as on board one of H. M. ships, the assistant paymaster in charge acting as postmaster. The mail service is maintained by the vessels of the Union Castle Line, which touch at the island every month, under contract with the British Government. British postage stamps bearing the circular postmark indicating their use in Ascension are much sought after by stamp collectors, the values other than 1d being seldom met with.—*Ewen's Weekly.*

ORDERS OF THE POSTMASTER GENERAL

Office of the Postmaster General,
WASHINGTON, Dec. 4, 1912.

Order No. 6689.

The second paragraph of Order No. 5620, dated July 1, 1911, embodied in paragraph 49, page 15, July, 1912, Postal Guide, reading as follows:

"All domestic mail matter bearing on the address side adhesive stamps, or imitations of stamps, other than lawful postage stamps, will be returned to the sender, if known; otherwise they will be forwarded to the Division of Dead Letters"—

is hereby suspended until January 1, 1913.

FRANK H. HITCHCOCK,
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FRANK H. HITCHCOCK,
Postmaster General.

A BIT OF POLITICS.

The managing editor now has something with which to divide his time so far as his stamp collecting is concerned. Tuesday, December 10, he was elected alderman-at-large of Beverlv, Mass. and by virtue of receiving the highest vote cast will be president of the board for the coming year. He received the very large vote of 2227 out of 3500, the largest ever given a candidate for public office in that city.

WITH THE BOY PHILATELIST.

Edited by BERTRAM W. H. POOLE, Box 231, Altadena, Calif.

We propose to insert upon this page matter that will be of interest to the boy collector. Some two thousand boys are now on our mailing list and it is our desire to come closely in contact with them in such a manner as will be most helpful. Any information desired will be cheerfully rendered through these columns. Do not submit stamps for examination.

THE BEGINNERS' GUIDE.

PARCEL POST STAMPS.

It is a curious anomaly that though the United States has parcel post agreements with most civilised countries it has never had a domestic service of this sort. On January 1st next, however, a domestic parcel post system is to be inaugurated and we shall be permitted to enjoy a postal blessing that other countries have had the benefit of for many years. In connection with this new parcel post special stamps are to be issued and only these can be used for prepaying packages. In issuing these special labels the United States is following a precedent set by some of the smaller countries—it will be the first of the important nations to issue parcel post stamps. Throughout the British Empire, where the parcel post has flourished to an amazing degree and now forms one of the most important branches of the postal system, ordinary postage stamps are used for the prepayment of parcels and this saves an enormous amount of trouble all round. It is true that from 1883 until 1904 Great Britain made use of special stamps for use on official parcels but these were simply issued to simplify the accounts under which the Post Office received credit from other Government departments for carrying parcels. Prior to 1883 the packages were either franked by an official signature or by means of ordinary stamps the cost of which was reimbursed at the end of every quarter. This, in some instances, involved officials in a heavy personal outlay, which though temporary was often inconvenient, and the specially overprinted stamps obviated this. These "Govt. Parcels" stamps were withdrawn in 1904 with all other departmental stamps and since then official parcels have been franked with a "paid" postmark.

How long Afghanistan has had a parcel post I do not know but special stamps in connection therewith were not issued until 1909. In that year a series of four labels appeared each value differing from the others in design. Like all the other stamps of this country they are inscribed in native characters only.

In Belgium the parcel post, though under the administration of the Government, is worked as a branch quite separate from that of the ordinary post, and parcels had, and I believe still have, to be sent from a railway station. In fact all the stamps are inscribed "CHEMINS DE FER" (Railways), and the State Railways are responsible for the sorting, despatch, and delivery of the parcels. Prior to 1879 the cost of carrying parcels varied according to distance, and as this somewhat hampered trade, especially in goods of no great value, a number of petitions were sent to the Legislature praying for the establishment of a uniform rate for any distance within the confines of the country. In April 1879 the Department of Public Works promulgated a scheme by which it was possible to send small parcels at a uniform rate for any distance, and stamps were issued, presumably under the authority of this department, for the prepayment of the requisite charges. Later on the system was extended, and the printing of the stamps was undertaken by the Belgian government itself. Altogether four different designs have been used for these Belgian parcel post stamps, and while the earlier emissions had the inscriptions in French only, these issued since 1895 have been inscribed in both French and Flemish, the equivalent for "Chemins de fer" in the latter language being "Spoorwegen." It should be understood that these stamps are not attached to the parcels, but are affixed to the way bills accompanying the packages. These "despatch notes" are stored by the Records Department for a time and every now and then they are sold in large lots to waste paper dealers. The purchasers cut off the stamps and sell them by weight to stamp dealers; hence, in used condition, most values are qûite common.

Two years after the issue of its ordinary postage stamps the Congo State, or Independent State of the Congo as it was then called, entered into an arrangement with the Belgium Government for the establishment of a parcels post service. It was mutually agreed that the parcels must not weigh more than five kilogrammes, and that prepayment should be indicated on Belgian parcels by means of the parcel post stamps and on those of the Congo State by the ordinary stamps of the territory. Notwithstanding this stipulation the 5 francs stamp was overprinted "COLIS—POSTAUX FR. 3.50," and used for this purpose, the surcharge being made by means of a rubber handstamp. The 5fr. stamp of 1887 was similarly overprinted and in 1889-92 the surcharge was improved by the addition of a border, this latter handstamp being made of copper. These provisionals were replaced in 1899 by two handsome picture stamps neither of which, however, bore any inscription to indicate its particular use. In 1908, in common with all other Congo stamps these two values were overprinted "Congo Belge" and in 1910 new stamps with the new name engraved appeared.

Italy employed parcel post stamps for a very limited period. Four values were issued on July 1st, 1884, and two more were added on May 1st, 1886. These labels are of extra large size, and are inscribed "PACCHI—POSTALI" (parcel post) above the portrait of King Humbert. The stamps were withdrawn from use a few years later and in 1890 the remainders were converted into newspaper stamps by being surcharged "Valevole per le stempe" (good for printed matter) and "C MI. 2."

The 10c stamp of the 1892-96 type for Indo-China is known overprinted "Indo-Chine—timbre—colis postaux" in three lines. This label was used on parcels, but as it seems to have been affixed in addition to the ordinary postage stamps, its use was fiscal and not postal.

Another French Colony—Ivory Coast—furnishes us with an appalling number of provisional parcel post stamps. These were all issued during the period 1903-5 and they consist of the ordinary postage due stamps of the French Colonies overprinted with the name "Cote d'Ivoire" and "Colis Postaux" or "C P" and, usually, with new values as well. In Scott's catalogue a list of 42 varieties is given but the specialist could lengthen it considerably.

Martinique is another French Colony that has issued a parcel post stamp. This label, which was only in use for a limited period, consists of the 60c postage due stamp of 1894 surcharged "Timbre Poste—5F—Martinique—Colis Postaux" in four lines.

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	TURKEY.		
149	1pia	.25	.08

HOW TO BECOME A STAMP DEALER.

(*Continued from page 411.*)

instances, if the boy becomes tired of the collection, the father, who has found by experience the value and pleasure of stamp collecting as a recreation, will take over the collection and continue it as his own. In this way, hundreds of intelligent adult philatelists have been made.

Our dealer, therefore, who starts out to make new collectors, bears in mind that his first appeal is to the young people. If he is located in a good sized town or city, his best method is to encourage new collectors by distributing œforeign STAMPS. Articles in papers, lectures, the aid of school teachers, etc., are all good, but in the writer's opinion, by far the best actual results are accomplished by the distribution of stamps themselves. A boy will read an interesting article on stamp collecting and be entertained by it, but without any special desire being aroused in him to form a stamp collection himself. If, however, a handful of foreign stamps is given to him, no matter how common they are, they are new to him, he examines the designs, begins unconsciously to classify the varieties and before he knows it, has become a stamp collector. Bear this fundamental fact in mind and if you are a dealer doing missionary work, spend most of your funds in distributing stamps, even if it seems that many of them are simply wasted when distributed.

For local work in a large town or city, a good way to do this is to distribute printed cards to the school children, stating that the card, if presented at your office or store will entitle the bearer to a package of foreign stamps free. In this way, the boys will get acquainted with your place of business. You will have a rush of disorderly youngsters to take care of at first, but they will soon sift out and a certain proportion will buy, first packets, then cheap albums, and will eventually become steady customers. There is no town of any size in the United States where a dealer with the assistance of a few dollars and some intelligent work cannot create a local trade in this manner. The best results in the way of this business, however, may not come for two or three years after the start, when the parents of some of the boys get actively interested and become your best customers.

Another way to sell stamps and make collectors is by making arrangements with local toy or stationery stores to carry some packets on commission and give away small free packets of stamps. This, with the proper printed matter, will bring trade to the toy store at first, but eventually the collectors will find their way to your office if your name is in the local directory and especially if your name is on the packets of stamps as being the concern that puts them out.

This chapter may seem to place too much emphasis upon the boy trade, but it is a fact that the cultivation and encouragement of this trade is absolutely the best means of increasing the interest in stamp collecting. When a dealer tells you anything to the contrary, you may make up your mind that he is one of the parasite class which always refuses to contribute to any movement leading to the betterment of philately and lives by stealing fruit from the trees that others have planted. If you ever expect to have a large business, you must stand well with the other members of the trade and the parasite dealer soon becomes known as such and after a few years wonders why his brother dealers never "turn anything his way" and why he has such difficulty in eking out a living, when the broader-minded and more liberal of his competitors are so prosperous.

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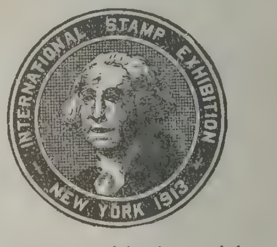

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CHAPTER XXIII.

24 Cents, Issue of 1869.

There is very little to be said for or against the 24 cents, '69, stamp for the reason that only the specialist with a fairly long bank account will ever accumulate enough of them for deep study. It requires the examination of a dealer's stock of considerable size to enable one to “dig out” the several shades and varieties of grilles necessary to put together all of the known things which exist.

This is not a handsome stamp to handle or to look upon, for the reason that there is a lack of harmony between the picture of The Signing of the Declaration of Independence, and the ornate framework which surrounds the centrepiece. Green and dark violet make about the poorest combination possible, so far as beauty is concerned, and when one adds to this some abominable cancellations, and perforations which leave the stamp away out of center, the collector has a stamp which is far from being “a thing of beauty and a joy forever.”

These stamps began making their appearance from the early part of May, 1869, until the country was well supplied by the first of June. In fact, so far as the writer can discover, the higher values—from 15 cents up—showed up about at the same time. They were withdrawn from sale about ten months later, but never were entirely supplanted by the 24 cents lilac of the previous issue.

But few shades have been chronicled. Mr. Luff classifies the colors as deep yellow green, yellow green and blue green for the frame-work, and deep violet for the centre. I have three distinct shades in the vignette, but whether due to difference in printing, or to the effect of light upon the ink, I am not prepared to say. Any shade of violet is susceptible to the effects of light, and it is likely that exposure to the sun's rays might have caused the differences.

The only true variety mentioned in catalogs or the philatelic press is “with medallion inverted.”

Mr. Luff gives only two sizes of grilles. I have been shown one other, so am compelled to say that the grilles exist:

Size.	*Points.*
9½x9½	13x12
9 x9½	12x12
9 x9	12x11

Some of these stamps were allowed to go to the public without passing through the grilling machine, and we have a variety—if it may be called so—without grille. The frame of the missed-grille stamp is blue green, invariably, so if any reader has a copy with yellow green frame, used, which shows no grille, it is likely that a very faint trace exists. Of this I am certain—knowing the trend of the stamp market and the lack of appetite which exists among most collectors (and dealers, too) I would give no more for a copy of any of this issue which showed no sign of grille than for one which showed the gridiron strong. This goes either used or unused—with the writer.

This stamp was printed from plates numbered in combination. There is to be found frame plate number 20 and vignette 20; frame 20 and vignette 24; no number for frame and plate 20. I have been told that a vignette plate existed without plate number but have been unable to verify the statement.

The number of stamps delivered by the contractors to the government was 235,350. Probably not all were sold, or used. But history is silent upon the number turned back to the postoffice department.

In 1874, for the government exhibit at the Centennial Exposition—and probably for other reasons, too—ten thousand reprints were made. The color is dark violet for the vignette and blue green for the frame. These reprints were made from Plate 20 in each case. Of the 10,000 printed 7,909 were returned to the government as unsalable—leaving 2,091 accounted for as having passed into the hands of people philatelically inclined.

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5c	12	"	.35	.20
1910, 1c	8½	"	.08	.05
1c	8½	Horizontally	.08	.05
2c	8½	"	.15	.08
2c	8½	Vertically	.15	.08
1912, 1c	8½	"	.06	.04
1c	8½	Horizontally	.06	.04
2c	8½	"	.10	.06
2c	8½	Vertically	.10	.06
3c	8½	"	.18	.12
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eagle eye. One need not fear a cleaned stamp of this kind, however, as the acid leaves its mark upon the delicate inks used. I have seen a copy or two with a Paid cancellation.

These facts will give one a pretty good basis for making up a check list without my assistance.

The proofs on cardboard and India paper add much to the appearance of the collection, and are as cheap now as they ever will be, I believe.

CHAPTER XXIV.

30 Cents, Issue of 1869.

Long before the young collector has secured some of the cheaper stamps of the United States, he can proudly point to possession of the thirty-center. In the good many smaller collections I have been privileged to see there will be a good many stamps catalogued at less than a dollar missing, but almost invariably the 30 cents, 1869, is present. Statistics do not show that this is a common stamp, by any means. The catalogs put a price upon it which indicates that it is no "missionary," and yet it seems to be easier to obtain than some of the lower-priced ones.

In fine, superb, perfect condition this is a pleasing stamp to look upon. But unfortunately 99 out of every 100 are badly perforated, smeared with heavy cancellations, and otherwise maltreated and made to look sadly out of place in a collection. The delicate hues of the ink used in printing make it one hard to get in fine shape, and from my own experiences a superb copy ought to be worth well up to catalog valuation.

The 30 cents 1869 put in its appearance simultaneously with the 15, 24 and 90 cents denomination. It was retired at the same time, and enjoyed about the same popularity in sale as the 24 cents.

Officially the shades are given as follows:

Eagle and shield, pale rose, rose, dark rose, dark carmine. I have seen it in a shade of claret—not a changeling—which I believe is genuine and rather rare.

The flags, etc., are classified in shades as light ultramarine, ultramarine, dark ultramarine, and dull ultramarine.

It was grilled in three sizes—two being common, the other scarce:

Size.	*Points.*
9½x9½	13x12
9 x9½	12x12
9 x9	12x11

It has been found with a true double grille, and a few sheets slipped through the manufacturers without any grille whatsoever. It has been chronicled on double paper which had no grille.

The stamp was printed upon plates number 21 and 21, and with no plate number whatsoever.

A variety also rests in the collections of the more fortunate ones with flags reversed.

There were issued to the government by the makers 244,110 stamps. This would make it—based upon the number of 24 cent stamps issued, about the same in value, from a philatelic standpoint. More of the 30 cents were used than the other and fewer turned back to the postoffice department, if we judge by the catalog value and commonness of the stamp.

A reprint was made in 1874, for the same purpose as before stated. Like the others there were 10,000 reprinted; 8,465 were returned as unsalable, and 1,535 were disposed of to those who had 30 cents which they had no use for.

The reprints were printed from plates 21 and 21. The color is rose carmine and dark ultramarine. On hard white paper, with no grille. Some were gummed—statements of the authorities to the contrary notwithstanding.

Proofs, on cardboard and india paper ought to be collected in connection with the regular stamps. They make a handsome appearance, and add much to the future value of the collection—I believe.

An essay for this stamp is rather interesting. In appearance it is much like the 24 cent. It shows a picture of "The Surrender of Burgoyne" in a frame which has many characteristics, at first glance, of its predecessor. The essay was only printed in a single color, upon different colored papers. Had it been issued in two colors, of striking shades, regularly, it would have made a splendid addition to the series.

(*To be continued.*)

NEWS GLEANINGS.

Under this heading we desire to publish all the news from the various philatelic centers. Correspondents' names will be given unless prohibited as we desire to give full credit for services rendered.

—W. L. Phillips of Marblehead, Mass., is now in Glastonbury, Conn., where he has entered the employ of the W. C. Phillips Co.

—The meeting of the B. P. S. December 17 was a marked success. Nearly one hundred were present. Between 6 and 8 several valuable collections were shown, including Mr. Green's Hawaiians and Mr. Howes' Chinese Treaty Ports and Coreans. Mr. Undooley performed as Santa Claus and everyone had a present of stamps and sweets.

—The advertisement of Mr. Ohlmann in our issue of December 14 was a bit misleading in the association that was possible between the description of a packet of British Colonials with another packet of foreign countries. The price of the packet of British Colonials was given as $5.00 while the second packet was priced at $1.98. Some of our subscribers mislaid their spectacles and failed to note the $5.00 mark which was certainly big enough to be seen. We offer this explanatory word as a balm to the feelings of those subscribers who wanted a $5 packet for $1.98.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from R. E. Jessup (2), Geo. H. Sleeper (2), J. Rausch, W. L. McAtee, Economist Stamp Co., Geo. M. Schaefer, Edgar S. Bissinger, Ernest W. Jakobs, John Molek.

—The Wm. J. Gardner collection is to be sold at auction. This information is gleaned from a San Francisco paper.

—The managing editor has received many Christmas tokens and he cannot take the space to acknowledge them all but his philatelic nature was keenly responsive to the kindliness that prompted H. S. Williams of Cleveland, O., to send his well wishes accompanied with a pair of 15c U. S. precancelled "Chicago Illinois". Even as Edwin B. Hill has his pages upon which are stamps around which is an atmosphere of personality so our modest album tells many a tale to us that the Philistine could not appreciate.

—"My ad in the 'Small ads' Column has sure brought results. To date I have had over forty replies, and have purchased six collections as the result, and many smaller lots."—W. I. MITCHELL, M. D.

—J. C. Piper, Elmo, Mo., was one of the first to advise us of the appearance of the parcels post set. W. L. Aldrich, the Boston dealer, exhibited a set at the B. P. S. meeting, Dec. 17.

—In reply to letters received from Wm. H. Fox, M. D., and others, we beg to state that Mr. Goodwin's articles on U. S. stamps will be reprinted in book form and the price will probably be 50c.

1896 RHODESIA, UNUSED
2d brown and rose lilac.................... .08
3d red brown & ultramarine................. .15
4p blue and red lilac...................... .12
8p deep green and violet on buff........... .40
1sh bright green and ultramarine........... .40
2sh dark blue and green on flesh........... .75
3sh green and red violet on blue........... .90
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Mauritius No. 94.....................	.40	.12
*Mexico Nos. 127, 135a...............	.40	.08
*Salvador No. 173....................	1.25	.20
" No. 800..........................	..	.10
Trinidad No. 92......................	.35	.08
*Nicaragua Nos. 13 to 18.............	.20	.05
Iceland Nos. 36, 38, 74, 76..........	.18	.05
Mozambique Co. No. 8.................	.25	.05
*Salvador 367a.......................	.25	.04

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Chili 1911, 10c gray and black, rare green shade, used, 5c, unused..................		.08
Chili 1912, 10c blue and black, used		.01
Ecuador 1872, ½r and 1p........ ....cat.	.11	.04
" 1881-7, 20, 50 and 80c........ "	.34	.12
" 1899, 20c and 50c, mint..... "	.08	.03
" 1907, 1c to 20c, used........ "	.17	.06

L. L. ALBRIGHT CO. 211 Central Bldg. Rochester, N. Y.

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	Cat.	Net
*Br. Hond. 2c on 1d, No. 27, fine O.G.	.12	.06
Cape of Good Hope No. 27, fine	.75	.35
*Dominican Rep. No. 145a, mint....	3.00	.72
Crete 200-1-2-3, fine light canc........	?	.15
*Bolivia 1894, 1c-100c comp. (mint)..	1.57	.21
Bosnia Jubilee 1906, comp. 1h-5k, very fine		1.55
" " " " Rare Compound Perf.		2.05
" " " " Short Set 1h-1k (14 var.)......................	$1.02	.42
Brazil 1906 Off 5000 & 10,000r, good	1.10	.40
" 1890-3, 500 & 1000r, scarce, fine	.43	.18
*Br. Honduras 29, 38, 39, O. G. fine..	.63	.29
Paraguay 1901, 1 peso, No. 57, fine scarce	.35	.17
*Russia 1889, 1 ruble, mint, face....	.51	.58
*Seychelles 1890, 13c No. 5, mint	.30	.14
*U. S. (blk. of 4 each, Imperf.) H. F. and A. Y. mint..................	.64	.32
*U. S. 1902, 13c Harrison Single, Pr. or Blk. ....each		.18

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No. 155	So. Australia 1sh......	.06
27	So. Nigeria 1sh....	.25
39	" 1sh.......	.22
62	Gold Coast 1sh....	.22
69	Hong Kong 50c.......	.40
136	New Zealand 6d................	.09
51	Gold Coast 2d...................	.08
136	Mauritius 1 rupee.....	.40

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—The annual election of the St. Louis Stamp Collectors' Society was held Tuesday evening, December 17. There was a large attendance and much business was transacted. Following are the officers for the ensuing year: President, S. M. Schoemann; Vice President, T. C. Mann; Secretary-Treasurer, Frank E. Goodwin, 804½ Pine Street. The officers will be installed at the next regular meeting—January 7. On this occasion a banquet will be held, probably at the Masonic Club. The committee in charge of the banquet is composed of Messrs. Hunter, Eilers and Collins.

—G. W. DeLaney, Chicago, Ill., requested approval selection from the International Stamp Co., and a letter to the party was returned marked "Unclaimed." We have received from the International Co. catalog of their Dec. 27th auction sale. We regret that an earlier notice of this list was not possible.

—Bertram J. Turner of *The Hobbyist* has our thanks for a pretty calendar with Christmas greetings.

—W. E. Dettweiler, Denver, Colo., applying to the New England Stamp Co. for an approval selection gave the C. E. Hussman Co. as reference. This firm replied, "This party while at Leavenworth, Kans. had two selections of sheets from us. The first one was promptly paid for but the second lot has been out since May 14, 1912." This is a word of warning.

—M. Bedard, 156 St. Andre St., Montreal, Can., would like to know the present whereabouts of F. E. Forbes, Stockton, Calif. Mail addressed to him is returned marked "Unknown."

—Calling attention to the fact that there has been no change in the postage rate on first class mail matter for almost thirty years; that the revenue from this class of mail is now over $162,000,000, of which over $62,000,000 is profit, and that a lower rate would enormously stimulate the growth of first class mail, Senator Burton, of Ohio, Dec. 16, introduced a bill reducing letter postage from two cents to one cent an ounce. The bill provides that the reduction take effect July 1, 1913.

—"I hope Mr. Goodwin's articles will be published in book form for they are very valuable. His chapter on 15c, 1869 interested me particularly, as I have a copy, unused, with "no diamond," but with double grill. This has been submitted to an expert and declared genuine.—W. H. Fox, M. D.

ATTRACTIVE STAMP AUCTION
JANUARY 10th AND 11th, IN PHILADELPHIA

Our sale upon the above dates is unusually attractive, the first session comprising nearly six hundred lots of British Colonials all unused. The second session includes a nice collection of United States stamps, general foreign and some excellent wholesale lots. The catalogues are out and should be in the hands of all collectors. If you have not received one, write for it.
The CHRISTMAS STAMP DRUMMER, just out, is free for the asking.

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A LETTER FROM A SHUT-IN.

WATERTOWN, N. Y., Dec. 5.

TO THE EDITOR:—

I have just finished reading the Editorials in the last issues in regards to sending Christmas presents of stamps to Shut-Ins, and I wish to state that I am a Shut-in myself and would appreciate an Xmas present of stamps as well as anyone. I wish to state also that I am ready to do my share towards the good cause although I am afraid it will be a very small share. I am sending a small packet of stamps which is all I have in duplicate.

Now in regard to myself I will say that I am an invalid and have been for the last 9 years, the last 4 years of which I have been without both lower limbs, and now one of my arms is afflicted. I am confined to the house all of the time. I used to be able to go out in a chair but now I am unable to do so.

If you wish references you may write to Mrs. John M. Galloway, Vice-President of New York Branch of Shut-In Society, 1321 Dean St., Brooklyn, N. Y., or Dr. George B. Van Doren, of this city.

Reading and stamp collecting is all I have to do and all that I can do to pass away the time. There is a library here so I can get all the books I want, but stamps is different, as I haven't the money except a few cents now and then. I have about 1300 stamps in my collecting most of which I got when I was a boy going to school. I am 22 years old now.

EARL E. BOYD.

I would appreciate it very much if you could find some one who will send me some surprise packages for Xmas or New Year's. I hope my little mite will help someone as I wish to be helped.

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Cat. No.		Cat. Price	My Price
28	1847, 5c brown	$1.50	$1.00
40	1857, 1c blue, type I.......	7.50	3.00
51	12c black	1.75	.80
69	1861, 12c black	.75	.25
76	1862, 5c brown	.75	.25
78	24c lilac	.60	.20
89	1867, 10c green, 11x13	1.25	.50
90	12c black, 11x13......	.85	.30
91	15c black, 11x13......	3.00	1.00
95	5c brown 9x13......	5.00	2.00
96	10c green, 9x13......	1.00	.35
97	12c black, 9x13......	.75	.25
98	15c black, 9x13......	1.25	.50
99	24c lilac, 9x13.......	5.00	2.00
100	30c orange, 9x13.....	4.00	1.50
101	90c blue	10.00	4.00
120	1869, 24c green and violet..	5.00	2.00
121	30c carmine and blue.	3.50	1.50
137	1870, 6c grilled	4.00	1.50
138	7c grilled	4.00	1.50
139	10c grilled	10.00	3.50
141	15c grilled	6.00	2.25
149	1871, 7c vermilion	.75	.25
151	12c violet	.50	.20
152	15c orange	.75	.25
153	24c purple	1.50	.65
160	1873, 7c vermilion	.75	.25
162	12c violet	.60	.20
163	15c orange	1.25	.50
261	1894, $1 black	1.50	.60
276	1895, $1 black	.50	.20
311	1902, $1 black	.40	.18
1893	Columbian issue, 1c to 10c, superb used copies		.20
1898	Trans-Mississippi, used, 1c to 10c, fine		.20
1901	Pan-American, complete, used, fine		.18
1904	St. Louis, complete, used, fine....		.16
1907	Jamestown, complete, used, fine...		.05
	Five sets, 22 stamps, a nice little collection, only		.75

DESIRABLE UNUSED STAMPS.

		Pair.	Blk. 4
1902	3c purple	$0.10	$0.20
	4c brown	.12	.25
	6c dull lake	.20	.40
	8c black violet	.25	.50
	10c light brown (1st printing)	.40	.80
	13c gray black	.40	.80
	15c olive	.40	.80
1898	13c sea green, very dark sh.	.40	.80
1909	2c Lincoln	.07	.15

Imperforate in Pairs and Blocks.

1903	2c shield, vermilion	.25	—
1909	2c rose, double line wmk...	.10	.20
	Same, line between	—	.30
	Same, wide and narrow space, 2 blocks	—	.50
	3c purple	.15	.30
	4c light brown	.17	.35
	5c dark blue	.25	.50
1912	1c green, new design	.03	.06
	Same, line between	.05	.10

U. S. Departments.

515	2c Interior	.10	.04
516	3c Interior	.10	.04
519	12c Interior	.40	.15
*546	Postoffice, perfect	.40	.15
581	90c Treasury	.60	.25
588	12c War	.30	.10
*589	15c War	.35	.12
*515	2c Interior, block 4.......	.40	.20
*574	6c Treasury, block 4.......	1.00	.50
*589	15c War, block 4..........	1.40	.70
*590	24c War, block 4..........	1.40	.70

* Unused. Postage extra on orders under $1.
Cash must accompany all orders.

FRANK E. GOODWIN
319 Euclid Avenue, WEBSTER GROVES, MO.

French Colonies

My stock has recently been re-arranged in a series of 8 **"RED BOOKS"** from A to Z and includes many scarce and hard-to-get varieties at **Right Prices.**

Portuguese Colonies

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EDITORIAL.

"*See America First*—Some months ago the inception of the idea of exploiting the scenic splendors and historical spots of America on our postage stamps was mentioned in connection with the propaganda instituted by influential western railroad and other interests. The slogan "See America First" that was adopted is descriptive of the aims and purposes of the promoters. A step to realize the advertising advantages carried by postage stamps has been taken by the Chamber of Commerce, Colorado Springs, Colorado, whose publicity bureau has sent out the following letter to the press: "Colorado Springs, Dec.—To reproduce Pike's Peak and other noted American mountains and places of scenic historic interest on the postage stamps is the latest suggestion for the advancement of the 'See America First' idea. The suggestion, which has been made to the postmaster-general by the Colorado Springs' Chamber of Commerce has already received the support of many prominent railroad officials and commercial organizations, and also the Rocky Mountain Hotel Men's Association. Colorado's newly elected senators and representatives have been requested to use their influence in securing the adoption of this idea. Following is a letter issued by the Colorado Springs' Chamber of Commerce, outlining the matter: Pike's Peak is America's most noted mountain. Historically it has played a prominent part in the story of the development of the west. Ever since its discovery by Lieut. Zebulon M. Pike in 1806, it has been known as the most conspicuous mountain in the United States. . . . For these reasons, we urge that a picture of Pike's Peak be adopted for reproduction upon future issues of the one-cent stamp. Nothing could more effectively promote the 'See America First' idea than the issuance and general use of a series of United States postage stamps bearing pictures of the most famous scenic spots in the United States."

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Our Idea—The philatelist, with some amusement, will observe that the suggestion has received the support of railroad and hotel men and commercial organizations. The assignment of the future issues of the one-cent stamp is rather a large order but the very simplicity of the request shows the zeal that removes mountains even unto postage stamps. We prefer the person to the place on our postage stamps and the illustrious dead should be allowed to rest in peace in their niches of fame on our regular, as opposed to special, issue of postage stamps. The possibilities of jealously between different communities intent upon sharing the advertising benefits are not to be lost in any consideration of the suggestion, it is safe to say. As for the philatelist, even scenic sets no longer titillate his jaded palate; so much of an *ennuyé* is he that nothing excites him now.

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1913—Philately from its position of security awaits the advent of the New Year calmly and confidently. It knows that it will strengthen its power during the coming twelvemonth; and it anticipates the time when it will become the dominant pursuit. No longer timid, no longer diffident, it now does not fear to travel the main highway; and it has bidden the by-paths farewell. The philatelic event in 1913 to loom forth most prominently is the international exhibition at New York; and already the shadow that it casts before has a most attractive outline.

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On Time—The parcel post stamps have been supplied to all offices we should say and the new system is soon to be born, full-fledged, as it were; the rehearsals are over and the people await the opening. The stamps are beautiful productions and the set is a striking exemplification of some of the phases of the mail service and of a few of the industries of the country. The due stamps are severe in design as due stamps are wont to be; so early as December 20th, one of the due stamps was seen that inadvertently, we suppose, had been used by a postmaster. The official notice in the issue of last week was a thorough introduction to the stamps.

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We Should Wonder—Mr. C. F. Richards, New York City, presents the following problem: "A certain specialist collector bought at auction, a counterfeit of the country in which he specializes. Instead of following the usual course and returning the forgery in condition to be sold again, perhaps as genuine by the owner, he stamped it on back in indelible ink, Counterfeit. The dealer objected and demanded the full price at which the supposedly genuine stamp was bought because the stamp did not belong to the collector; but the specialist, not fearing to break away from custom, refused to pay more than the value as a counterfeit, claiming that the forgery had no value other than a nominal one that may attach to a forgery. It was maintained that the brand on the back had not reduced this value and that the only way the specimen could be worth the price of the genuine stamp was when a swindle was accomplished by selling it as an authentic variety. He said further that in his opinion, it was the owner and not a prospective purchaser who should suffer any loss incurred. Who had the better of the argument?"

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Following Them Up—What has become of the old-fashioned collector who washed off the gum on mint specimens so that it would not by any chance crack the paper? Is he roaming somewhere with the o. f. c. who after soaking a stamp all night in water knew that it was a genuine specimen if the color did not run? What has become of the old-fashioned dealer short on philatelic knowledge who would not show his stamps if he suspected that the buyer was looking for scarce small varieties at the prices of the ordinary stamps? Is he straying hand in hand with the o. f. d. who will not use a stamp tongs, considering it an unnecessary contrivance?

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By A. SCHOCH.

In a country with poor transporation facilities, where the mails even are carried mostly on pack mules and by couriers on foot, and where communication with foreign countries is so slow that it takes a person living in the capital city about six weeks to get an answer to a letter from Europe or New York, there is good excuse for resorting to surcharging when the supply of stamps of some of the most indispensable denominations runs out. Honduras nevertheless, managed to get along for a period of thirty-three years preceding 1910 without any such provisional issues.

In 1909 the supply of the 1 centavo stamps of the 1907 issue then current was exhausted. In this emergency the government had a supply of lithographed 1 centavo stamps prepared in the government printing-office in Tegucigalpa of the same design as the engraved stamps they replaced.

The government of Honduras years before had maintained a lithographing establishment in the capital city. It was the only plant of its kind in the whole country. At the time in question this lithographing plant had been consolidated with the government printing-office and was practically abandoned. This may account in part for the crude appearance of the 1909 lithographed 1 centavo stamp. No very great care seems to have been exercised in controlling the disposition of sheets spoiled in printing, to judge by the fact that I once happened to see a stack of imperforate sheets of these lithographed stamps lying around like waste paper in the quarters of the government military school, where the backs of them seemed to be used as scribbling paper by some of the cadets. The lithographed stamps placed on sale were, of course, perforated.

The supply of lithographed stamps printed proved to be insufficient. No second printing was made, however, probably owing to the unsatisfactory character of the first lot. Instead, the 2 centavo stamp was cut in two, generally diagonally but sometimes vertically, and each half was used without surcharge as a 1 centavo stamp. I have seen envelopes franked with such cut stamps postmarked at various Honduran post-offices from January to November, 1910, inclusive, and I mailed a great many pieces of mail-matter myself during that time with postage paid in the same way. Along towards the end of 1910 the use of such cut stamps was discontinued by refusal of the post-office to longer accept them for postage.

Near the end of 1910 the surplus stock of 20 centavo stamps was converted into 1, 5 and 10 centavo stamps by overprinting the new value in big figures. The surcharging was done by hand, using regular printer's type and printer's ink, which made rather crude-looking work of it. Sometimes one stamp on a sheet would not receive the surcharge, and strips and blocks can be found with one of the stamps without the overprint, tho the unsurcharged specimens were probably to some extent separated from the adjacent surcharged ones and used with their original value as 20 centavo stamps.

The surcharged stamps were only in use a couple of months, and during part of that time they were not always readily obtainable, especially the 1 centavo and 5 centavo surcharges. There had been various times in the years 1909-10 when 1 centavo stamps of any kind were absolutely unobtainable, but it was not until the end of 1910 that the scarcity of stamps of other values became noticeable. The scarcity reached its climax in the days just before the new 1911 issue was placed on sale. On one of those days I was told by the stamp clerk in the post-office of Tegucigalpa, the capital city, that he had nothing but 6 centavo stamps on sale.

With the new 1911 issue the government resumed the use of stamps surcharged OFICIAL for official correspondence. It may be of interest to note that Honduran OFICIAL stamps are not used on all kinds of official mail, but only on such mail addressed to countries outside of Central America. Official correspondence sent to points in Honduras and the other republics of Central America is simply franked by rubber stamping on the envelope or wrapper the seal of the government office or institution where such mail originates, and no postage stamps of any kind are needed. This fact explains the extreme scarcity of the OFICIAL stamps.

PARIS 1913 EXHIBITION.

By L. H. WARDWELL.

In the *Revue Philatelique Francaise* for Nov. 30, 1912, the chairman of the committee of organization announces the International Philatelic Exposition of Paris to take place in June, 1913 at the Palais de Glace, Champs-Elysees.

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UNITED STATES.—The Rev. J. Dreyer sends us a complete list of plate numbers of the Panama Canal stamps as printed up to and including Dec. 10, 1912. There will be others later, as the stamps will be on sale from Jan. 1, 1913, until after the Exposition in October, 1915.

1c—6127, 6128, 6131, 6132, 6144, 6146, 6147, 6148.

2c—6123, 6124, 6125, 6126, 6136, 6137, 6140, 6141, 6142, 6145, 6149, 6152, 6156, 6160, 6185, 6224.

5c—6129, 6133, 6134, 6138.

10c—6130, 6135, 6139, 6143.

Plate number 6161 was used on the 10c parcels post stamp, the first one finished of that series.

William L. Aldrich & Co. have shown us the lower values of the new parcel post stamps, including the regular postage values from 1c to 25c and the postage due stamps from 1c to 10c. Both series are of the same size, which is the width of the Hudson-Fulton 2c stamp, but 1½ mm. longer. All values of the different sets are printed in the same color, the postage set being in bright carmine and the dues in deep green. The postage design shows an oval arch at the top supported on pillars, and bearing the inscription, "U. S. Parcel Post." The corners above the arch are filled in with conventional ornaments. The figures of value are placed in small circles which break into the bottom of the side pillars, with "Cents" in a tablet between. The design is the same for all values seen, except the vignette which are as follows: 1c, "Post Office Clerk" distributing mail into the bag rack; 2c, "City Carrier" delivering mail at a city residence; 4c, "Rural Carrier," in a wagon with horse attached; 5c, "Mail Train," with bag of mail suspended, waiting to be caught by the fast moving express train; 10c, "Steamship and Mail Tender," showing how mail is landed in advance of the docking of the steamer; 25c, "Manufacturing," showing extensive mills and railroads. The postage due set is altogether different in design, though of the same size, both being arranged horizontally. The Due stamps have "U. S. Parcel Post" across the top and "Postage Due" across the bottom, both being in straight lines. The value appears in large figures in a central circle, with the value in words repeated twice around the circle. Small horizontal ovals at the sides have the figures of value repeated, the remainder of the stamp being filled with lathe work. It will be noted that the word is "Parcel" post, according to the United States Government.

Parcel Post Adhesives.

1c carmine.
2c carmine.
4c carmine.
5c carmine.
10c carmine.
25c carmine.

Postage Due Adhesives.

1c deep green.
2c deep green.
5c deep green.
10c deep green.

S. E. Young, M. D., reports having seen the following plate numbers:

Postage adhesives—1c, 6203, 6204, 6205, 6206; 2c, 6180, 6181, 6182; 5c, 6213, 6215, 6218, 6219; 25c, 6175.

Postage Due adhesives—1c, 6225; 5c, 6229.

BECHUANALAND PROTECTORATE.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us the 1sh King Edward stamp of Great Britain overprinted "Bechuallaland—Protectorate," in the same type as the 1d King George, recently chronicled.

Adhesive.

On stamp of Gt. Britain.
1sh carmine and dark green; black surcharge.

NICARAGUA. — Mr. Schachne has the double cards with same stamps and similar headlines to the single cards noted in No. 1115.

Post Cards.

4x4c brown on white; T. 3.
10x10c dark brown on white; T. 3.

George H. Sleeper has shown us some new fiscal stamps from Nicaragua, which appear to have been used for postage, though as they have been separated from the covers, this fact is not certain. They are lithographed, the printing being very badly done, and the whole appearance being inferior to recent fiscals from that country. All the stamps have the value in black, and a large "B" overprinted to indicate use in Bluefields.

Fiscals Postally Used.

5c purple on green.
10c yellow green.

PAPUA.—We have received from Whitfield King & Co. the 4d stamp in a single color, printed on paper watermarked Crown A sideways.

Adhesive.

4d pale olive.

PORTUGUESE INDIES.—From Whitfield King & Co. comes another addition to the long list of split provisionals, the 5t stamp of 1902-03, surcharged "Republica" in red, having been perforated vertically into two halves, and overprinted "1—Real" upon each half.

Adhesive.

On stamp of 1902-03.
"1 Real" on half of 5t brown.

SWITZERLAND.—Mr. Schachne sends us a new variety of the 5c card and we find the only change is in the headlines on the right hand half of the card: "Postkarte Carte postale" form the upper line in very similar type to last but without ornamentation, "Cartolina postale" below, with ornaments before and after similar to those to upper line on the previous issue.

Post Card.

5c green on buff; divided face.

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Meetings first (informal) and third (regular) Tuesdays, Room 322, Tremont Bdg., 7.30 P. M.

BOSTON, MASS., Dec. 17, 1912.

The 282nd (regular) meeting of the Society was held at the Club Room at 8 o'clock this evening, with President Nevin in the Chair and 95 members and friends present.

The following was read:—

LIBRARY REPORT FOR DEC., 1912.

Received by donation: Philatelic Literature Society Statutes, List of Members, Publications, London, 1912, from the Society; Morgenthau's 47, 54, 55 and 56 Sales priced from J. S. Rich; "Philatelic Rambles and other Papers in Popular Vein," by Julian Park, from the Author; Scott Stamp & Coin Co.'s 170th Sale, priced, from Scott Stamp & Coin Co.; and the current numbers of the following magazines, generously contributed by the publishers; Gibbons Monthly, Mekeel's Weekly, Stamp Journal, Berliner Briefmarken-Zeitung, Postage Stamp, Philatelic Journal of Great Britain, Scott Stamp & Coin Co. Circular, Philatelic Gazette, Roessler's Stamp News, Collectors' Journal and New England Stamp Monthly.

The following applications were posted:—

Mr. Gideon G. Ryder.
Mr. C. S. Penhallow, Jr.
Mr. Roy S. Haggard.

Mr. A. W. Dunning presented the Society with a large frame of Confederate bills, bonds, scrip, etc., for the Club Room which was acknowledged with a vote of thanks to the donor.

The following nominations for officers for 1913 were made: Pres. C. K. B. Nevin; Vice-Pres., Fernald Hutchins; Sec. C. A. Howes; Int'l. Sec., Philip Wolff; Treas. J. B. B. Smith; Supt. Auctions, J. H. Lyons; Supt. Bourse, A. W. Dunning; Supt. Sales, J. B. B. Smith Governing Board, Chas. H. Stone, F. W. Stiles, John Ingraham, T. W. Barry.

Mr. Hill then made a short address of welcome to our visitors and turned the entertainment over to Santa Claus, represented by C. H. Fowle, who read some appropriate verses, and to J. H. Lyons, who auctioned off the presents on the Christmas Tree, for purchasing which each person present was given a "credit of 50 cents." Each present consisted of a stamp or stamps cataloging at least 10 cents, accompanied by a "joker." Much merriment resulted, and plenty of Xmas candy was passed around to help out.

The meeting adjourned at 10.30 p. m.

Previous to the meeting there was an exhibition of stamps at which Mr. Green's Hawaiians, Mr. Barrett's U. S. Revenues, Mr. Swain's U. S. Postage, Mr. Russell's U. S. Envelopes and Plate numbers, Mr. Dunning's Original Covers and a volume of his collection, and Mr. Howes' Chinese Treaty Ports and Korea.

C. A. HOWES, Sec.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that former members No. 406 and No. 532 are no longer connected with the Society.

All members desiring the *London Philatelist* for 1913 at our special rate of $1.05 are asked to forward this amount to the Secretary at once.

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY.

Nothing doing for several months. Let every member send in an application for membership to give the secretary something to do. Nominations for officers to be voted on at the approaching election are now in order. Let us get up a little enthusiasm.

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WITH THE BOY PHILATELIST.

Edited by BERTRAM W. H. POOLE, Box 231, Altadena, Calif.

We propose to insert upon this page matter that will be of interest to the boy collector. Some two thousand boys are now on our mailing list and it is our desire to come closely in contact with them in such a manner as will be most helpful. Any information desired will be cheerfully rendered through these columns. Do not submit stamps for examination.

THE BEGINNERS' GUIDE.

PARCEL POST STAMPS—(*Continued*).

It is, perhaps, fortunate that Persia has not allowed its enthusiasm for issuing stamps to extend to the special varieties for use on parcels. In 1908 the complete set of ordinary postage stamps issued during 1907-8 was overprinted with the words "Colis Postaux" for use in connection with the parcel post and no new varieties have been issued since.

On June 18th, 1898, a set of six parcel post stamps was issued by the Peruvian Government. These are of extra large size, and are plain type-set labels with large numerals of value in the centre. "Porte de Conduccion" at the top, and "Centavos" at the base, the whole being enclosed by a wide ornamental border. In 1903 the 20c value of the set was provisionally surcharged "UN CENTAVO," and two years later the 50c and 10c were reduced in value to 1c and 5c respectively by means of similar sucharges.

Since 1895 Roumania has had a special 25 bani stamp for use on parcels. The design is similar to that of the postage due stamps but with the inscription "TAXA DE FACTAGIU" in the upper label. Though the design has never been changed the label exists in various shades, with and without watermark, and in several varieties of perforation. This stamp does not denote postage paid, but represents a special fee charged for delivery.

Among the prolific stamp issuing countries of South and Central America, Salvador is the only one which has indulged in the issue of a special series of parcel post stamps. A set of five different values was issued in 1895, the stamps being handsomely designed and printed, and of diamond shape. Evidently the philatelic demand for these was not great and Salvador never issued another set of parcel post labels.

For our last example we have again to turn to the French Colonial Empire. In 1906, Tunis issued a set of ten different values for use on parcels, all being of the same design. They are large upright rectangular stamps, each being printed in two colors, and inscribed "Colis Postaux". In conclusion I append a list of the inscriptions found upon the parcel post stamps referred to above, with their equivalents in English, and a table of the countries issuing them:—

Chemins de Fer.—(Railways.)—Shown upon all the issue for Belgium.

Colis Postaux.—(Parcels Post).—Appears upon the stamps of Congo, Ivory Coast, Martinique, Persia, and Tunis.

C. P.—An abbreviation for "Colis Postaux" shown on some of the provisional stamps issued for the Ivory Coast.

Fardos Postales.—(Parcels Post).—This inscription appears on the stamps of Salvador.

Pacchi Postali.—(Parcel Post).—Shown upon the stamps of Italy.

Porte de Conduccion.—(Porterage for carrying, *i. e.* charge for conveyance).—This appears upon the stamps of Peru.

Taxa de Factagui.—(Charge for porterage).—Shown upon the stamps of Roumania.

Spoorwegen.—(Railways).—The Flemish equivalent for "Chemins de fer," shown upon all the Belgian stamps issued since 1895.

SHORT REPLIES.

K. S. R. (Cleveland).—The "stamp" regarding which you desire information is an old friend and I believe has already been described in these columns. However, as there are probably many new readers who did not see the previous article a short description may be of general interest. These Sedang labels are entirely bogus and owe their origin to a Frenchman—an ex-officer of the French navy, named De Meyrena—who had an adventurous career in Eastern lands. He turned up one day at Hong Kong and gave out that he was King Marie I of the Sedangs, a tribe inhabiting a small tract of land on the borders of the French possession of Annam. He was a man of fine appearance and, as the French Consul vouched for his credentials, he was soon the "lion" of Hong Kong society. He instituted the "Order of Marie I" and was such a plausible individual that he succeeded in conferring this "decoration" on the British Governor of Hong Kong. King Marie had a set of seven stamps prepared in Paris, ostensibly for use in his dominions, but in reality for the exploitation of stamp collectors. Shortly after their appearance the French Government interfered and took the territory of Sedang under its protection. De Meyrena's career as King came to a sudden end but it is said he again returned to the East and died from a cobra bite while staying on a small Malaysian island with a few companions. Although these fictitious labels were issued in 1889 they still turn up fairly frequently from which it would seem that De Meyrena must have been fairly successful in selling them.

C. H. M. writes:—"Why is it impossible to get Postal Savings stamps (cancelled) from the wastebaskets of post-offices: in other words, why is the order to destroy these stamps issued from the P. O. Dept.?" Why, indeed? But who are we that we should endeavor to unfathom the sweet unreasonableness of the official mind?

J. J. B. (Buffalo, N. Y.).—It is not a very difficult matter to distinguish between the shaded and unshaded posthorn varieties of Norway. In the stamps with shaded posthorn that part of the horn that encloses the numerals of value is entirely filled with lines of color, while in the unshaded posthorns this ring or circle is plain.

D. M. A. (Portland, Ore.).—The character or emblem forming the centerpiece on the 1 and 9 candarin stamps of the 1894 issue of China is an ancient form of the character *shou* which is said to mean literally "long life to you" and it is apparently used in this connection to signify longevity. The Celestials have a great regard for this symbol as it is supposed to have a particularly auspicious meaning and John Chinaman is great on anything he may consider "auspicious."

J. B. (Saginaw).—Yes, the large fiscal stamps of Guatemala overprinted in September, 1898, for use as 1c and 2c postage stamps exist with two varieties of perforation. One of these is perf. 12 all round and the other variety is a compound of 12 and 14. There is little difference in the value of the two varieties on the 2c but in the case of the 1c the compound perf. is much the scarcer.

ORDINARY STAMPS USED AS UNPAID.

By L. F. GARBACCIO.

I noticed in your issue for Dec. 14, an editorial about an ordinary two-cent stamp used for postage due.

I have about one hundred copies so used, the earliest copy I have is dated March 15, 1909.

Some are cancelled in indelible ink with the Postmaster's name, others with the name Paterson, N. J. and some have the regular black post office cancellation.

I also have two copies of the one cent, one copy of the four cents and one copy of the two cent Lincoln, so-cancelled.

KNICK-KNACKS.

By C. E. S.

The new albums are out and prices have been boosted.

Do not forget a philatelic resolve on New Year's eve.

From his testimony before the investigating committee, it is suspected that J. P. Morgan was a stamp dealer at one time.

The dealers who were hooked by Jordan are glad to have had their experience now that they have received checks "for all arrears."

The Shut-Ins have reason to feel thankful for the liberality of WEEKLY readers. Everybody is happy and a final report will be made next week.

The old timers among the stamps are hitting the high places in a scandalous way and they are showing the new issues some amazing records for high jumps.

Speaking of aviation, Dr. C. F. Roh, Garrison, Nebraska, has shown us a "Flugpostkarte" with flying post cancellation, Munich, Bavaria, on the ordinary five pfennig Bavaria and the special 25pf blue, aerial stamp.

W. G. Whittaker, Cleveland, Ohio, has been appointed chairman of the recruiting committee of the United States Revenue Society. Who will volunteer? Our Mr. Wylie enjoys the proud position of first member in this organization; he is Number One.

Our managing editor, Mr. Wylie, was last year a candidate for governor of Mass., and as he was not known all over the state, perhaps that is why he was defeated. At Beverly, his home, he has just been elected alderman over many candidates and by a "huge majority." He is now in position to send regards to Alderman Moisant of Kankakee, Illinois, (who has just remembered us with a neat pad calendar).

OUR SPECIAL FEATURE PROGRAM.

Our readers have been very much interested in the series of articles on U. S. stamps by Mr. Goodwin, and we are pleased to say that we shall publish the same in book form when the series has been concluded. We have several handbooks in view and the following will give the reader an idea of our proposed activities in this direction:—

The Beginner's Guide.—By Bertram W. H. Poole. Handbook No. 2. Price 25c. To be issued shortly.

Specialized United States.—By Frank E. Goodwin, Handbook No. 3. Price (?).

How to Become a Stamp Dealer.—By Washington Grant. Handbook No. 4. Price 25c.

U. S. Envelopes 1853-1910.—By Louis G. Barrett. Handbook No. 5. Price 25c. Mss. awaiting publication.

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